



'Farmers facing same sad end as fishermen'

That was the view of one farmer on Monday night in the election debate for EU candidates hosted by the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association in Letterkenney.

By Declan Kerr

The speaker, Daniel O'Donnell, Cashleenan is a well known member of the farming community and he was registering the views of many in the business who are already leaving behind a way of life that dates back for generations.

They are leaving because they are in a loss-making cycle with little hope of recovery. And the issue of ever increasing EU controls and costs is at the very top of this agenda.

And the need for far stronger Irish political representation in the EU Parliament was the clear message sent to the candidates who attended the ICSA meeting in the Clanree Hotel.

Malcolm Thompson said when he was the National President of



Well known faces at the ICSA meeting on Monday night.

the ICSA, he had witnessed first hand the way business was being done in Brussels.

"It was a bit like the sitcom 'Yes Minister'. The Commission made the proposals and the MEPs rubber stamped those decisions."

Sean McNamara, current ICSA President said it was a pure shame the way Irish farmers were being treated by certain MEPs.

"Some MEPs have no respect for us. They have no time for us. It's a pure shame that

they are not thinking about the family farms," Mr McNamara said.

Only five of the invited candidates were in attendance including Senator Niall Blaney (Fianna Fail), MEP Chris McManus (Sinn Fein), James Reynolds (National Party) and two independents Peter Casey and Daniel Pocock.

They were asked to respond to six questions set by the ICSA on topics ranging from derogations, succession rights, CAP, live exports,

linking farm payments to production and reform of the EU Commission.

Hugh Farrell, the ICSA General Secretary said there were huge problems with EU Directives, the failure by the Department to make farm payments on time and the cost of the administration of schemes such as ACRES.

"We are depending on the MEPs we send to Brussels to keep us right with these Directives and where they originated. We

ICSA meeting

have Farmers Charters nearly ready so hopefully that will help us," Mr Farrell said.

In relation to whether Ireland should have a complete derogation from climate change measures Niall Blaney said it was his opinion that Irish farms were operating a greener policy than other countries adding that a formal study should be carried out to verify that.

Malcolm Thompson the Donegal ICSA Chairperson said that a climate change survey carried out among the farming community found that 50% didn't believe that there was such a thing, 20% were sceptical and the rest saying that maybe it is happening.

"There hasn't been a real study done to prove that there is climate change. We need a completely independent study to find that out. We also need to be telling the EU what we want and not the other way

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Education Minister Norma Foley pictured with a Photobook from the opening of the extension at Scoil Mhuire Creeslough. The Book was presented by Fr. John Joe Duffy, courtesy of the Tirconail Tribune. Also included is Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and Minister Charlie McConalogue.

Low key EU campaign heads for final week

As the EU elections go into the final weekend of the campaign, the final seats in the Midlands North West are still undecided: that's according to leading bookmaker, 'BoyleSports'. They've made the Independent MEP, Luke Ming Flanagan the hottest ticket in the West with odds of 1/16.

There was quite the shock for the Tribune when one party scrapped their candidate's advertising campaign earlier this week.

The sixteen constituency area has a population of more than 1.83 million people. It is likely to have an electorate close to 1.5 million. However, turnout in 2019 shaded 50% and there is a decreasing public interest generally in the workings of all mat-

ters of EU importance.

Last time there were 17 candidates for four seats: this time there are 27 runners for five seats. The electorate last time was 1.224 million: the turnout was 616,555 giving a quota of 118,996.

This has been a lacklustre campaign where the debates have been so boringly bogged down as the bad weather.

However, the issues are diverse with migration playing heavily into most discussions. Fine Gael is bidding to hold two seats: however, they may be lucky to hold the seat of Maria Walsh.

It's almost a certainty that the massive vote of 22.6% achieved by Mariead McGuinness on the first count in 2019 will not be

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Sally is 90

Sally Greene, formerly McClafferty's Bar, Churchill marked her 90th birthday at the weekend and Mass was celebrated in her honour by Fr. Michael Conaghan in Glendowan Chapel. Sally is pictured with her nieces Carmel, Maria and Sinead, nephew Charlie and families.



Two released in Creeslough explosion probe

Two people arrested on Monday as part of the Garda investigation into the Creeslough explosion have been released without charge. They were a man and woman, both in their 40s, who were detained and questioned at separate Garda Stations in Donegal.

On Tuesday morning Gardaí issued a statement saying the two had been released and a file will be prepared for the Director of Public Prosecution. A Garda spokesperson stated: "The two people who were arrested yesterday, 27th May 2024, as part of the investigation into the fatal explosion at a building complex in

Creeslough, County Donegal, have been released without charge.

They said: "The investigation, led by Gardaí in the Donegal Division, is ongoing with the intention of submitting a file to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions." Gardaí added that they will be

making no further comments on the arrests.

These latest arrests bring a total of four people to be arrested in connection with the 2022 fatal explosion at a filling station in the village that resulted in the deaths of ten people.

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effectively saw Walsh win a second seat for the party. But can Fainna Fail fare better than last time when their two candidates, Brendan Smith (42,814) and Anne Rabbittie (30,220) saw their total first preferences of 12.28% fall far short of a seat? With three candidates in the field, their campaign lacks depth and thrust to engage voters and it remains to be seen if Barry Cowen can stay ahead of a

slew of runners to get over the line. The bookies put FG's Nina Carberry in the top five in the betting and she could be in a battle for the final seat with Michelle Gildernew (Sinn Féin), Peadar Tobin (Aontu), Maria Walsh (Fine Gael) and Lisa Chambers (Fianna Fáil hot on the list of likely candidates bidding to win. Former RTE reporter Ciaran Mullooly, RTE's Midlands reporter for 37 years is a well backed 4/11 shot to claim a seat.

Sinn Féin's Chris McManus (2/5) and Fianna Fáil's Barry Cowen (4/7) are the other candidates ahead of Carberry in the betting. Midlands-North-West:- To win a seat 1/16 - Luke Ming: Flanagan (Independent): 4/11 - Ciaran Mullooly (Independent): 2/5 Chris McManus (Sinn Féin): 4/7 - Barry Cowen (Fianna Fáil): 4/5 Nina Carberry (Fine Gael): EVS - Michelle Gildernew (Sinn Féin): 11/10 Peadar Toibin (Aontu): 5/4

Maria Walsh (Fine Gael): 7/4 - Lisa Chambers (Fianna Fáil). 9/1 - Herman Kelly (Irish Freedom Party)10/1 - Michelle Smith: (Independent).12/1 - bar the rest.

Peter Casey, the Independent candidate who featured strongly in 2019 is not among the bookies favourites this time. Five years ago he polled 55,650 and his first preference of over 9.5% was one of the big shocks in the count.

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McClafferty welcomes €50k for Dunfanaghy Greenway



Cllr. Michael McClafferty has welcomed funding of €50,000 for the Portnablugh to Dunfanaghy greenway.

The project will include a footpath connecting Dunfanaghy and Portnablugh.

He said: "This funding will facilitate the initial surveys and although the project will require significantly more funding, this is a positive start. I have frequently pointed out how dangerous this section of the N56 is, especially given its popularity with walkers and joggers."

Immigration central to Bradley campaign

Farming, healthcare access and immigration issues are central to the campaign of election newcomer, Vincent Bradley.

The Carrigart man is running as an independent for the first time and says these issues require a voice in County House, Lifford.

He is running in the hotly contested Milford Electoral Area race where there are nine candidates looking to take one of three seats on offer. He also is running in the Letterkenny Electoral Area where he will join 18 candidates vying for one of seven seats on offer in the June 7th election.

He said he has canvassed the views of many people in both areas as he

bids to secure a seat.

He stated: "Mass immigration is one of the main issues and the destruction of the country at the minute, there seems to be no stopping it. I see it that all the parties of the government are committed to a project in destroying the country."

He stated: "Hospitals and healthcare where elderly people are being discharged back into the community and cuts to community hospitals, I see it that many politicians do not want to go down that road so I'm trying to highlight that as well."

Our hospitals are completely in meltdown. You take it that if someone is trying to get released back



into the community at home or into a community hospital, and they need homecare packages. That is taking too long, around seven weeks, so there is a massive blockage there as well. Then if others are seeking another 20 minutes they are told they can't get it as there is no money."

He said he is also getting feedback on concerns raised from parents on difficulty in securing places for children in local creches, as well as accessing GP services.

He added that the farming sector is another area that is "completely destroyed by inflated costs" and is something he would move to address if elected.

Blaney attacks MEPs record

Fianna Fail EU election candidate, Senator Niall Blaney says the track record of Independent MEP Luke 'Ming' Flanagan is one of 'bluster and failure'.

He said: "Mr Flanagan only managed to ask two oral questions in the European Parliament in the past five years and neither question covered agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure in border and Connacht counties, Objective One status or MICA. In the June 7 European Election, voters in the border and Connacht counties can 'call time' on the two MEPs who were lucky to get away with years of poor representation.

Lucky Luke has now run out of road. People are realising that he has sold them a pup for far too long. His track record is one of bluster and failure. He's talked the talk, but when it comes to walking the walk, he was slow to get off the starting line.



Voters will have the opportunity to elect a true republican who will be a strong voice in Europe and not invisible on our big-ticket issues. I will have your back and will campaign tirelessly for investment in better roads and rail, get offshore wind developed and bring to an end the shameful isolation our entire region has suffered over ten years."

€4m for vacant properties in Donegal - Aaron Sweeney

Donegal is to receive €4,000,000 to revive 141 vacant or derelict residential and commercial buildings in our town centres, a Fine Gael candidate has said.

Aaron Sweeney was speaking following the latest update on the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), given by the department of Housing.

He said "1,224 long-term vacant properties around Ireland have now been chosen and approved under this scheme. It is estimated these properties will create 5,406 homes for people and families all over Ireland. This will have a real impact on towns within the Milford LEA and Ireland overall.

"Donegal County Council will be given funding to cover the purchase of the property and any works required to make the property more



suitable for sale, like improving access, tidying up, opening to facilitate inspections, etc. They will then be offered for private sale to those

Hamstring injury ends Olympic hopes for Brendan Boyce

A hamstring injury has ended Brendan Boyce's hopes of reaching the Olympic Games in Paris.

The Finn Valley AC race walker was aiming to qualify for what would have been his fourth Olympics.

However, a hamstring tear has put paid to those dreams.

The Milford man has confirmed that he has "run out of road" to recover in time for the European Championships in June.

The injury will also mean that his Olympic qualification hopes have been quashed.

Boyce, now based in Cork where he is coached by former World race walking champion Rob Heffernan, competed at the 2012, 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games over the 50km race walk, an event that has since been shelved. He had been attempting to qualify for Paris in the 20km.

Boyce had to withdraw 8km into the World Race Walking Team Championships in Turkey last month - the primary qualification opportunity in the event for the Olympics.

Boyce was aiming to book a place in Paris in the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay alongside Kate Veale from West Waterford. However, Boyce did not finish the opening leg and Veale, therefore, did not get the chance to compete.

who commit to bringing the property back into residential use.

"There are several grants now in place by the Government to help buyers do this, like the Vacant and Derelict Property Refurbishment Grant, the SEAI energy efficiency grants or the Repair and Leasing Scheme.

"I am lucky enough to have been able to discuss the key issues for people of the Milford area on the doors recently and housing remains a concern. Fine Gael are committed to helping more people in Donegal to own their own home and increasing supply is key to achieving that. By repurposing the buildings that we already have, we are boosting available accommodation whilst also rejuvenating the towns and urban centres we know and love," Aaron concluded.

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Congratulations to Johnny Haughey, Drumkeen a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who received a Special Award at a function in Friel's Bar and Restaurant, Raphoe.

It was a celebration and appreciation for all the support and contribution made by the Convoy members to their communities. Mary Sheridan the North West Regional Treasurer presented the silver medal to Johnny to mark 25 years. He has been kept very busy recently having been appointed a Peace Commissioner a role which keeps him busy and he enjoys providing a good community service.

He has also began to run a monthly Day Centre in Drumkeen where he also provides the music as he does in many Day Centres around the county.

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Letterkenny Pipe Band for World Champs in France

The Letterkenny Pipe Band has been invited to participate in the Bressuire Highland Games World Championship, set to take place on June 15th and 16th. This event will mark a world first, a Highland Games world championship for mixed national teams. Eight nations will be represented: Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and the USA. This gathering promises to showcase a rich tapestry of traditions and skills, uniting participants from around the globe in a celebration of Highland culture.

The invitation extended to the Letterkenny Pipe Band is a testament to their commitment in promotion of Scottish and Irish music. As they prepare to embark on this exciting journey to France, the band members are eager to share their unique sound and cultural heritage with an international audience.

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ampionship will not only be a platform for friendly competition but also a forum for cultural exchange and camaraderie among nations. The Letterkenny Pipe Band is looking forward to contributing their musical talents to the vibrant tapestry of performances that will unfold during the championship.

Kilmacrennan Men's Shed
Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are holding a ten year celebration coffee morning on Saturday the 15th June from 11am - 3pm at the Men's Shed with all the proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice and the Men's Shed. Everyone is welcome and there will also be a walk beforehand to support Men's Health Week, leaving from the Men's Shed at 10am. A wood turning display will also take place throughout the day.

€200,000 for Letterkenny under the Town Centre First Heritage Revival

Letterkenny has been awarded €200,000 under the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme - THRIVE. The Cathedral Town is one of 26 towns that will benefit from the overall funding package of €5 million and Minister Charlie McConalogue has welcomed it.

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The Temple Douglas Graveyard Mass will be taken place on this Sunday 2nd of June at 3pm.



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As I seek your support for the first time on June 7th, I appreciate how important the work of the local Councillor is in giving you a fair and an honest voice. It is a daily role without borders - without a time frame because the needs of the people have to come first. That can never be a nine to five job because every call that comes from the community is a priority and always will be.



100% Redress

I fully back the demand for 100% redress and I am among those Cllrs in demanding that the current legislation which is not fit for purpose must be overwritten as top priority if the curse of Mica is to be finally confronted in a manner that recognises the rights of Donegal voters to be treated as equal citizens of this country.

Since February of last year when I became a Councillor, I've got a deep insight in how the system works.

I've also been awakened to the needs of the community. In responding I've come to realise that the workload of a Councillor is a job without boundaries but with many different issues to resolve. Much of our work is confidential and takes place on an individual basis.

My life

Married to Mari-Claire, we have three young children, Mason, Cody and Hallie. I am the youngest of eight children born to Breid and the late Norman from Craig, Rathmullan. We have recently moved to Rathmullan. I've been employed with the Kernan Group for eleven years and I am the company's area manager.

I meet many people every day and there is an awareness of the community support we get locally. The supermarket is where you become aware of people trying to live and cope with inflation and we do our level best to help.

In response to your support, Kernan's has also returned much to the community: sponsorship, fundraising and defibrillators amongst the supports that enriches the community.

Uk's unexpected election

Rishi Sunak's announcement of the British General Election was a shambles. He stood outside Downing Street in the rain. He looked like a drowned rat.

We can think senior politicians have worked out strategies. Sunak is incompetent and lacks any spark. His announcement of 'national service' for 18-year olds was not thought out. The plan sounds like something the bore in the golf club came out with after swilling too much gin.

The general belief was the Election was due in the autumn. November 14th was a date spoken of.

Apparently things are so bad in the Conservative Party a revolt was brewing. Sunak called an election to stop being overthrown.

He may be hoping, also, to save something from the wreckage. Keir Starmer's stance on Gaza is costing Labour significant votes. Thus a few extra Conservatives may just survive.

Whatever, the very best for the Conservatives is that over 100 MPs will lose their seats. I'm not sorry for them. But, had Sunak delayed, they would have drawn another four months' salary. Instead, he is throwing them to the wolves. This is how he treats his supporters.

The Conservatives are the oldest political party in the world. Thus they have cuteness. They will survive this election to fight another day. But they will be smaller.

This election will, of course, also take place in the North. Here, the most interesting battle is in East Belfast. DUP Interim Leader Gavin Robinson will face Alliance Party leader Naomi Long. Last time Robinson's majority was just 1,800. Long won the seat in the past.

This isn't a knife-edge marginal. But the DUP majority is a bit too close

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for comfort. At present, I still feel Robinson is favourite. But he could very well lose. That would produce turmoil in the DUP. It would mean losing two leaders in less than six months. We do not know what exactly would happen. All implications are bad for the DUP. At best, for the DUP to win would need a more hard-line and sectarian campaign. That would not help how the Executive presents itself.

Otherwise, in the North the Election is good for the sitting MPs, or the parties holding the seat. Challengers are having to scramble.

The biggest advantage is for Colm Eastwood in Foyle. He has had problems with the SDLP nomination for the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane. Last month two councillors resigned in protest. That's not good so close to an election.

However, his challenge is from Sinn Féin. Their candidate is Sandra Duffy, former Mayor of Derry City and Strabane. The election is three weeks after the local and European elections in the South. Sinn Féin has an excellent election machine. I mean 'machine' metaphorically. That machine is flesh and bone of activists. They will be tired after an intense campaign. After all, they are aiming for two seats in Midlands North West.

As well as Foyle, Sinn Féin must work hard to retain North Belfast

and Fermanagh and South Tyrone. Importantly, Eastwood has been strong on the slaughter in Gaza. Sinn Féin has fumbled.

Above all, the SDLP needs to hold Foyle. This is life or death for them. Lose the Party leader's seat in Foyle and the Party is over. Thus the SDLP will put big resources into Foyle. For Sinn Féin, Eastwood is an irritation. He's like a pebble in your shoe. They can always come back, for a future election.

The SDLP's other MP, Clare Hanna, should hold South Belfast and Mid-Down. The constituency has changed. From South Belfast it has extended from the original South Belfast into Co Down. That area is more Protestant. However the DUP has not had time to put their campaign together. Importantly, they are going to throw a big effort into East Belfast.

South Belfast is different. It has many students. There are those who have never ceased to be students. Then there are those who never were students, but would like to have been. There are also many not born in the North. There is a big immigrant population.

Hanna is on the very pale green side of the SDLP. She suits the constituency. She can pull surprising votes. According to Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) tallies, she pulled up to 20% of the vote in strongly Loyalist

Sandy Row.

This election could have been at a better time for the DUP. Former leader Jeffrey Donaldson is facing serious charges. He is innocent unless proven guilty. Obviously, he is not standing in his constituency of Lagan Valley. (Lisburn and surrounding area).

The DUP has moved Johnny Buckley into the constituency. Alliance is talking its chances up. Candidate Sorcha Eastwood is articulate. She draws good publicity. However, she was 6,500 votes behind the DUP last time round. That is a big gap.

The DUP seat in South Antrim is also under threat. The UUP have moved Health Minister Robin Swann into the constituency. Swann is popular. However, he is from the other end of Co Antrim. The DUP has a majority of 3,000. That's a bit close for comfort, but not too close.

The UUP launched their campaign in chaos. They announced former Colonel Tim Collins as candidate in North Down. Then Collins did an interview which was a rant about 'foreigners' and benefit claimants.



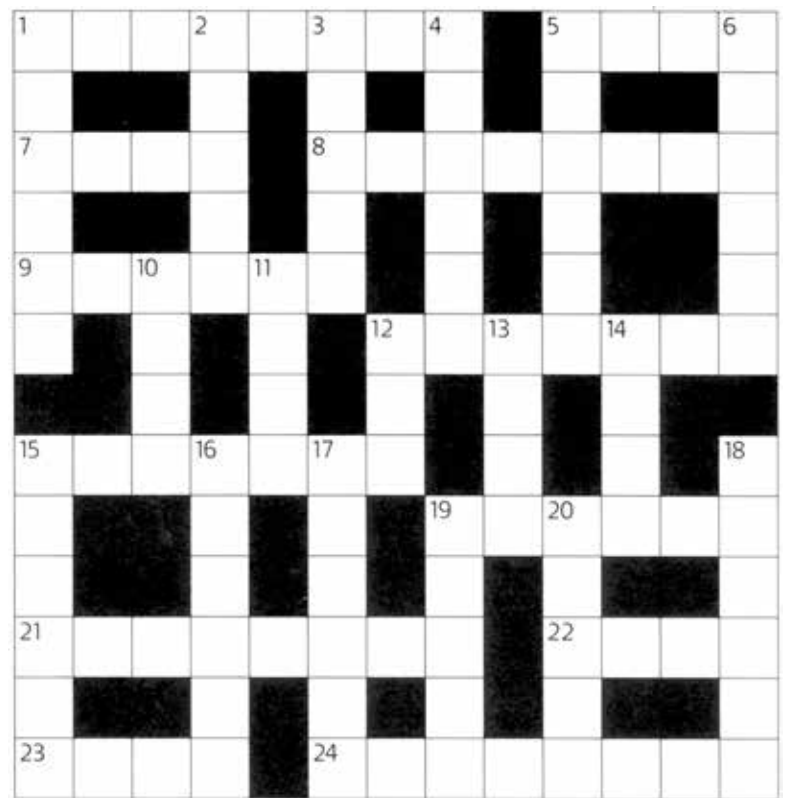
By Anton McCabe

Party leader Doug Beattie claims to be running a modern, liberal party. He then had to spend his time apologising about Collins. That certainly helped the DUP in South Antrim.

Overall, Sinn Féin will hold its seats. It will increase the lead over the SDLP. Alliance, too, will grow. That is as the SDLP and, to a lesser extent, the UUP decline.

As to wider developments, Starmer has promised to scrap the Legacy Act. That gave immunity for prosecution for offences during the Troubles. Thus it united all political parties in opposition. Mind you, Starmer has dumped policies wholesale. Therefore, don't be surprised if he dumps that promise also.

Tribune Crossword No. 1066



Across

- 1. Old British coin (8)
- 5. Attraction (4)
- 7. Slender (4)
- 8. Tranquil (8)
- 9. Fish-eating hawk (6)
- 12. Envious (7)
- 15. Comparable (7)
- 19. Marlon ____, actor (6)
- 21. Emphatic (8)
- 22. Form of whist (4)
- 23. Plunder (4)
- 24. Framework (8)

Down

- 1. Nautical measure (6)
- 2. Channel selector (5)
- 3. Insinuate (5)
- 4. Metric weight (6)
- 5. Truck fuel (6)
- 6. Orson ____, actor (8)
- 10. Rhyming verse (4)
- 11. Wickedness (4)
- 12. Jolt (3)
- 13. Southern river (4)
- 14. Kiln (4)
- 15. Rotate (6)
- 16. Devise (6)
- 17. Estimate (6)
- 18. Pupal covering (6)
- 19. Dip (5)
- 20. Church passageway (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1065

Across 1. De Burgh, 7. Chris, 8. Cricket, 9. Scurvy, 11. Thump, 13. Sago, 14. Orinoco, 15. Barn, 16. U-boat, 17. Pepper, 21. Siberia, 22. Savoy, 23. Resound. Down 2. Earthquake, 3. Uncommon, 4. Gery, 5. Chic, 6. Vier, 9. Scoop, 10. Vegetarian, 12. Cigar, 13. Sombrero, 18. Play, 19. Ebon, 20. Dire.

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- 161 Ford Transit Custom SWB
- 162 Peugeot Partner **Sold**
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Cllr. Pauric McGarvey at the Bridgend in Ramelton in front of the new speed sign which shows the speed vehicles are travelling in the 50km zone. The sign was installed last week as part of his Council funding and he said that already locals have expressed to him their delight with it. They now see traffic braking when over 50kph and slowing down as they head towards the town and he is delighted with the outcome.

Local curators work to showcase at Lasta Festival

Three local curators are set to showcase a diverse range of arts performance and events as the Lasta Festival comes to An Grianán Theatre in early June. The festival has been curated by three local young

people including Ciara Doherty, Clodagh McIvor and Ultan Pringle, who were selected by an open call process last year.

This to day event is described as a “feast of theatrical and arty delight” and promises to be a joyous

celebration of Donegal and Ulster, featuring many of our most exciting emerging artists. On the evening of June 7th, Junk Drawer and Scol come to An Grianán for The Hipnotic

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iel O'Donnell”. Singer-songwriter George Houston will perform tracks from his new album. The headline show of the evening is Scaredy Fat by Colm McCready. Described as a “glorious treat for horror film fans, gays and anyone who knows what it is to grow up in Ulster plus size”. Daytime events include Traditional Music and Toasties lunchtime gig on Friday in the theatre's café, a Culture Cake and Coffee lunchtime Saturday gig, to a month long exhibition of the incredible Katie Hassett's artwork, or a Drag Queen Sip N Sketch with Donegal's very own MarianMaryThe6th.

More information about the Lasta events can be found at www.angrianan.com.



Pupils from Cranford National School who received their First Holy Communion from Fr. Martin Chambers in Coole Chapel with their teacher Mrs. Linda Heraghty. Photo by Martin Fleming.

The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

Country Sundays
Sun. 16th June -

Derek Ryan



Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm

€15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.

Coming - 30th June - Robert Mizzell; 7th July - Jimmy Buckley

Dream. With a psychedelic light show and a blend of post-punk & funk-trad brilliance, these two bands come to Letterkenny for one night only for a transcendent thrilling evening of music. Young Curator Ultan Pringle: “An opportunity to see such exciting emerging musical talent doesn't come around often and we hope you'll come and dance the night away with us”.

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Letter to Editor Election posters and leaflets

With summer at our doorstep, the beauty it bestows upon us is every year is evident everywhere with trees, hedges and flowers displaying their bounty of foliage and flowers. What a joy - the scents of summer- like food for the soul. However with the upcoming election - the posters that are sprouting up on poles and walls countryside are not such a pretty site. Also with the endless election leaflets delivered every day in our post boxes- makes me wonder has the impact on the environment of all of these election posters/leaflets been taken into account ?

Understandably every candidate wants to reach as many of the electorate as possible - but for future elections I propose that posters and individual leaflets are prohibited to be replaced by the following :

Every household to receive a booklet with all the electoral candidates (relevant to their electoral area). Each candidate allotted a page with their picture, profile and the issues they are campaigning for included.

This would allow each household to have advance knowledge of all the candidates when they come to the door. No extra leaflets required.

I believe this would result in massive savings to the government on postage and paper and benefit our environment immensely. Not to mention the uninterrupted view of our lovely countryside with not a poster in sight. I live in hope!

Sheila Columb, Gortahork.

Ramelton

Quiz Night

St. Paul's Church Ramelton are holding a quiz night in the Robertson School, Church Street, Ramelton on this Friday the 31st May at 8.15pm. Entry is €5 per person which will include a light supper. Come along and bring your friends for a good nights craic. Raffle on the night with some great prizes All monies to church funds.

Wedding bells

The wedding took place on Thursday in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton of Patricia Roache, Bridgend, Ramelton and Mark Openshaw formerly from Wigan and now living in Ramelton. Patricia is the daughter of Brigid and the late Johnny Roache and her bridesmaids were her daughter Natasha Evana and sister Annastasia Roache while the bestmen were Alex Borg and Simon Graham. Fr. Michael Carney celebrated the Nuptial Mass and the reception was enjoyed in The Silver Tassie Hotel with the honeymoon being spent in Eurodisney in Paris.

The wedding took place on Saturday of Sarah Long, Clonmany and Tony McNamee, Ardrummond Road, Ramelton. Sarah is the daughter of Brigid and James Long. Tony is the son of Nancy and Tony McNamee. Fr. Kevin Doherty officiated at the nuptials in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany. Maid of Honour was Catherine McLaughlin. The Bridesmaids were Ruth Hands, Rebecca Lynch and Danielle McNamee. Best Man was brother of the Groom Barry McNamee. Brother Shane McNamee and cousins Caolan Bolton and Matthew McLaughlin were the Groomsmen. Readings were by Melissa Egan and Caroline Long. Prayers of the faithful were read by Muirne Gallagher, Laura Egan, Aisling Irwin, Jenny Doherty and Claire Doherty. Gifts were brought to the altar by Brigid Long, mother of the bride and Nancy McNamee, mother of the groom. Flower Girls were Aria, Elsie and Ebony Fisher nieces of the Groom. Music and hymns were by Hannah Ferguson. The wedding reception took place afterwards in the Gateway Hotel, Bunclraha.

Chiropodist visit this Tuesday

The Ramelton Care of the Aged have

organised the Chiropodist to visit the town on Tuesday the 11th of June.

They will visit the Mackemie Hall at the usual times and anyone wishing to get further details on the visit is asked to contact Anthony on 086 082 2426.

Soccer Camp

Swilly Rovers will host the FAI Summer Camp at Swilly Park from the 22nd of July to the 26th of July. Daily from 10am to 1pm. Book your spot early in the FAI football Camps website.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 1st June. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more. Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese T o a s t -

ie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.



Historic weighbridge sinks.... The old Avery Weighbridge opposite the Town Hall in Ramelton has sank by as much as 6inches in the past week. Cllr. Paucic McGarvey has pointed to the location being used extensively for car parking and has called on the Council to take appropriate action. In the meantime the area is cordoned off for safety.



Cllr. John O'Donnell presenting a new set of jerseys to the Ramelton Mariners team for their forthcoming season in the Donegal League.

Grier on Irish volleyball squad

A young man with strong family ties in Ramelton will be jetting off this week with the Irish senior volleyball squad for the 2024 Men's Small Countries Association Championships in Liechtenstein. Ruairi Grier is the son of John and Aoife, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim. Dad John is a native of The Glen, Ramelton.



Monica and Alistair has played Deaf Futsal for the Republic of Ireland at both the European Championships and World Cup. Likewise, Gavin son of George and Martina has also played football and futsal for the Irish international team. And their Leitrim cousin Ruairi has been successful in the volleyball that already saw him represent his

country on the international stage. He will be in the Irish squad for the four group games. The first fixture is this Thursday and they are on court again on Friday. There are two games on Saturday.



Bernie Boyle and Cathy Breslin, Rosses AC the first two ladies in the Ayrhill NS 5k on Thursday.



Ladies busy providing the tea and refreshments after the 5k.



Odrhan Catterson the first juvenile home with the first two pupils from Ayrhill NS.



Declan Ferry, Rosses AC winner of the Ayrhill NS 5k in Ramelton on Thursday with school principal Sandra Moore, runner up Joe Gibbons, Milford AC and 3rd Joe McKelvey, Rosses AC.

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BLANEY No. 1



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| Colmcille Gospel Choir | Fanad Development Association | Mulroy Soccer Academy |
| Ramelton Tennis Club | Gartan Select Vestry | Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel |
| Swilly Rovers F.C. | Indian Community Centre | Rathmullan Community First Responders |
| Fanad Gaels | Kilmacrennan Celtic F.C. | Rathmullan District Resource Centre. |
| N.W. Special Olympic's Club | Kilmacrennan Community Development C.L.G. | Milford & District Resource CLD |
| Kerrykeel Park Development | Meevagh Family Resource Centre | Coiste Forbartha Ghleann Bharr |
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| Milford GAA Club | Drumman N.S. | Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club |
| Ramelton Community Play Group | Glen Community Development Association | The Lennon Festival |
| Rathmullan The Way Forward | Lough Swilly Junior Angling Club | Donegal Women's League |
| Whitstrand United F.C. | Mulroy Drive Tourism & Development Association | Fanad Community Games |
| Fanad Day Centre | Radharc Na Cille Residence Association | Donegal Ladies Gaelic Football Association |
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| Kilmacrennan Parent & Toddler Group | Creeslough Community Association | Tamney N.S. Parents Association |
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| Churchill Fair | Glenree United Academy | Portsalon Golf Club |
| Cranford F.C. | Kilmacrennan Young at Heart Group | Termon GAA |
| Donegal Half Marathon | Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill | Fanavolty Hall |
| Donegal Intercultural Platform | & Trentagh Community First Responders | |



Upgraded footpath between Lower Mount Marian and Church Road, Milford



The resurfaced Car Park at the Milford Livestock Mart.

Milford Electoral Area funding

Some more of the projects I secured funding for in the last five years.

- Improvement works to pathway leading to Warden Beach at knockalla end = €20,000
- Realignment of junction leading to The Great Arch, Fanad = €8,000
- Replace post and rail fencing and upgrade surface at Tra Na Rosann Car Park = €5,000
- Improvement works to Milford Mart Car Park & Public Lighting = €40,000
- Upgrade footpath between Lower Mount Marian and Church Road, Milford = €35,000
- Footpath - Portsalon Golf Club entrance towards the Pier Road = €50,000
- Footpath - Downing's Main Street towards Radharc Na Mara = €75,000
- Renew and replace the footpath along Main Street, Kerrs Bay Rathmullan = €70,000
- Lights at Ray Community Centre = €7,500
- Footpath - Cranford side of Carrigart Health Centre = €10,000
- Whitstrand, Killygarvan Rock Armour Protection = €110,000
- Downings Sea Wall and Path €150,000

I am trying to secure additional funding for the Embankment slippage beside the Harbour Bar



The renovation work at Portsalon Pier which is near completion.

Funding which has been delivered for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) over the last 5 years - €2 million

I wish to thank you all for your support over the past 21 years and I am asking for your continued support on JUNE 7th.

VOTE BLANEY NO. 1

My Foolish Mistake

Every time I opened up WhatsApp I was reminded of my folly from the night before. Every Instagram snap my wife showed me caused regret to wash over me. Even staying clear of phones provided no relief as every conversation I heard that day reinforced that I had made a big mistake.

It didn't have to be that way. I'd been warned and yet I'd foolishly squandered an opportunity that won't be coming back. There was nothing else for it but to rue my big mistake.

My folly began a few Fridays ago as I took a quick break from my desk and noticed something rather intriguing online. The Northern Lights were coming to town! All I had to do was step into my own backyard and I could see this mesmerizing sight with my own eyes.

But I forgot. I got so caught up with getting things done that I missed a once in a lifetime opportunity. And so, as Friday's light began to fade, I pulled the

curtains like any other night. Before too long I was in bed, dozing through the strongest aurora borealis in five hundred years.

My mistake could almost be a parallel for how so many of us respond to the greatest opportunity of all. As spectacular as this celestial light show undoubtedly is, it pales in insignificance compared to the greatest display of God's glory. The one who created the solar system in all its splendour became a man, he died in order to save his people from their sins, and he extends the offer of forgiveness and everlasting life to all who come to him in faith.

One of the great things about the Northern Lights of a few weeks ago was that we had so few hoops to jump through. No travel and no specialised equipment was necessary. All we had to do was step outside. Likewise, when it comes to the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is remarkably straightforward: we don't need to tick boxes or reach a certain standard

of morality first, we simply need to take him at his word and come to him in faith.

Yet, how many of us miss out?

Some of us are busy. Work, chores, and family life come to dominate and no time remains to consider the things that truly, deeply matter.

Some of us are sleepy. Not literally perhaps, but metaphorically we sedate and anaesthetise ourselves with bells and whistles and scrolling and screens, oblivious to the opportunity that is passing us by.

Some deliberately close the curtains. To take Christ up on his offer means accepting our own sinfulness and inadequacy and that leads to injured pride.

Others decide that now's not the time. Why not live a little first and sort out all that eternity stuff later? Perhaps the opportunity will come again.

My mistake was a foolish one yet my regrets have faded already. How much worse to miss the greatest

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

opportunity of all; how much worse to regret that mistake into all eternity.

Blessing of the Boats in Rathmullan

The Blessing of the Boats annual community event takes place Friday 31st May at 8pm at the Rathmullan pier. Entertainment by the Colmcille Choir followed by refreshments in Sailing Club Compound. All welcome.

Tidy Towns

Rathmullan Tidy Towns Group celebrated World Bee Day last Monday 20th May by engaging with senior pupils in Browne Know, St. Joseph's and Drumhalla National Schools giving talks on Biodiversity and all things pollinator related. Each of the pupils got to take home a potted sunflower seed so that they can enjoy watching them grow and look after them during the summer.

Changemakers

Hazel Russell (Hon Sec) & Eilis McGlynn (Chairperson) on behalf of the Tidy Towns group were delighted to attend the annual Changemakers Annual Seminar in An Grianan Aileach hotel recently to accept their Seeds of Change Award. This was in recognition of hosting a 6 week course of Upcycling Craft classes, facilitated by Moira McHugh, of Perfectly Thrifted Interiors, as well as making a cross border community connection with the Culmore Ladies Craft Group.

Sustainability Fair

The Rathmullan Annual Sustainability Fair takes place this Saturday 1st June at the Boat-house Sheds in the Car Park from 11-3pm. The Mixing Bowl will have a Sustainable Cooking Display with Free Taster Sessions and recipes. There will also be a 'Sewing Repair Workshop', so if you want to know how to hem your trousers, or change a zip, then drop in and see how it's all done. A 'Small Tools' repair workshop will also be in operation, while there will be stalls with Preloved Clothing, Books and toys, and live music by Mark Boyce and Co from 12 midday till 2pm. As part of National Food Waste Recycling Week, Donegal County Council are providing Free packs which consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. The Boatyard Sheds is the place to be with something for everyone and kindly supported by DLDC / SICAP.

Rathmullan Makers Markets

The Makers Markets at the Boathouse Sheds last Saturday was a huge success with a wide variety of new stunning arts, crafts and food on sale as well as amazing live music by Carol Wilson and other guest artists. Once again huge thanks to Kamal for the use of his premises and with the Yard open on Saturday, there was certainly a festive air about the place. Next Market will take place on Saturday 29th June.



Hazel Russell and Eilis McGlynn from the Rathmullan Tidy Towns with the award.

The Swilly Ferry

The Ferry link with Buncrana will resume next Saturday 1st June with first morning departure from Rathmullan at 10.40am followed by regular trips throughout the day, and final departure at 6.40pm. See swillyferry.com for full timetable and costs. With the ongoing works at the pier, please follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion as the season gets busier.

Tope Festival deferred

Unfortunately for angling enthusiasts, there will be no Tope Festival this Whit Weekend, due to the ongoing works at the pier. But the committee are happy to plan a bigger and better event in 2025, once the Pier reopens and ensures the safety of all water users within the community and wider users.

Blue Flag Status / Beach Lifeguards

Rathmullan Marina has once again been awarded Blue Flag Status and the Beach Lifeguards hut is now in position on the beach. Lifeguards will be on cover for weekends going forward with full coverage in place from July onwards. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses.



Princess Anne and the Duke of Kent kindly hosted a Private Garden Party at Buckingham Palace last Thursday for Volunteers from all over the UK and Ireland in recognition of the RNLI celebrating the 200 year anniversary. Susan Shields and Pete McBride from Downings were invited guests, along with other fund raising Volunteers.

Housing is biggest single issue: Meehan

Declan Meehan, independent candidate in the Milford Electoral Area, has said that housing is the single biggest issue ahead of the local elections on June 7th. "Whether it's the lack of social housing delivery in the Milford Electoral Area by our Council, or the failure of the Council to properly maintain its own housing stock, this issue is coming up time and time again across all areas," Meehan has said.

Entering the final week of the campaign, Meehan and his team have canvassed over 4,000 houses across the electoral area. The Milford Electoral Area has not had any new social housing over the past thirteen years, while over 110 families and individuals are on the housing waiting list.

These people are either living at home with parents or family, or they are in receipt of Housing Assistance Pay-



ment (HAP) to subsidise their rent paid to private landlords. This payment has not increased since 2016. The average monthly rent in Donegal in 2016 was €561. Today it is €1,126 per month. That is more than double in the space of eight years, and yet there has been no increase in the amount of HAP people can avail of. The answer is clear - we need more social housing delivered and managed by either the Council or Approved Housing Bodies,

and we need it fast. We can't have another five years of zero delivery - people are not in a position to continue with rents soaring. It is bringing people to breaking point.

The other housing issue is, of course, defective blocks. The punitive scheme and bureaucratic nightmare that is the "enhanced" redress scheme has left people at their wits end. A mere 47 houses have availed of this scheme in Donegal - out of thousands of affected homeowners. The numbers speak for themselves - the scheme is not fit for purpose. People are angry and exhausted and they feel that current representatives in the county from Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael are gaslighting them by maintaining that the scheme is good, and that it is 100%.

People have had enough - the appetite for change is there. We need implementation of the People's Document into a new Redress Scheme. Anything short of that will not wash. People in social housing affected by defective blocks are experiencing the worst of both of these crises. Paying rent to the Council to be in mouldy, crumbling, cold homes. This is a disgrace that needs to be acted upon. That starts with changing who represents us at County Council level," Meehan concluded.



Daniel O'Donnell grabs a selfie with the Cloughaneely Junior and Senior Band teams at the Donegal Relay For Life Opening at the ATU Letterkenny on Saturday afternoon.

Family thanks Portsalon community for search assistance

The family of a woman who was found "under sad circumstances" after she went missing in Portsalon at the weekend have thanked everyone who assisted in the search.

Sally Reilly was 55 years old from Turf Lodge in Belfast and had dementia. She was reported missing from a local caravan park in the early hours of Monday morning.

Details of Ms. Reilly, including a photograph, were shared by her family via social media.

A large contingent of local volunteers joined with local gardai and the Coastguard 118 helicopter to search the area near where she was last sighted.

After the search was stood down her family thanked the local community, emergency services and Milford Gardai for their support.

A family relative stated: "On behalf of Sally Reilly's family we cannot thank everyone enough for all your support. It is amazing everyone coming together to get Sally back to her family. Really means a lot from the bottom of our hearts and



the support of all the locals."

Sally had been a frequent visitor to Portsalon for over 20 years. Her remains are in repose at her late residence, with funeral from there on Saturday at 10am in Holy Trinity Church with service to follow at Roselawn Crematorium at 11.20am.

Death of Maryann McCafferty

There was widespread sadness in the Cloughaneely area and beyond on learning of the death of Maryann McCafferty, late of Baltoney, Gortahork. Maryann, nee Whoriskey, passed away on Tuesday at her home.

Many tributes were paid from family, friends and neighbours and she was remembered as a friendly, kind-hearted person. She is survived by her husband Stephen, daughter Stephaine, her parents Neilly and Susan, her sister Kathleen and husband Seamus, brothers Dominic and his wife Sharon, Donald and his wife Portia and Micheal and his partner Anne,



in laws, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family and friends. She is in repose at her family home with funeral from there on Thursday, the 30th, for 11am requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork, with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

Funeral Mass can be viewed live on www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-king-gortahork.

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Carnatreatagh water works begin

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan has been informed by Irish Water that works are commencing this week in Carnatreatagh to provide a more reliable water supply to the community and reduce high levels of leakage.

Following by Cllr. Brogan, Uisce Éireann has prioritised more than 2km of water mains for replacement which will ensure a reduction in disruption from bursts and supply interruptions

for customers.

The section of works will take place along a section of the Trentagh Road L-1522-1/2. This significant project for the people of Carnatreatagh will also involve laying new water service connections from the public water main in the road to customers' property boundaries and connecting it to the customers' water supply. These works are being carried out as part of Uisce Éire-

ann's National Leakage Reduction Programme.

Uisce Éireann's Patricia Lowry, is thrilled for this important project to begin.

To deliver the works safely and efficiently, a road closure will be in place along a section of the L-1522-1/2 until October. Diversion routes will be in place and the community can be assured that local and emergency access will be maintained at all times.

Deeney wants Minor Injury Clinic in Letterkenny

As with other Aontú candidates in Donegal, Milford LEA candidate Kathleen Deeney has called for the Health Service Executive to open a Minor Injury Unit in the empty rooms at the rear of St Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny. There are 11 such MIU in Ireland with the most northern located in Monaghan. None are located in the deprived north-west. Shamefully, Donegal continues to be neglected by the HSE.

Kathleen said: "We desperately need such a clinic here in Donegal to relieve the crippling pressure on LUH Accident & Emergency Department.

Minor Injury Units cater for patients with less serious issues, conduct x-rays, examine broken bones, treat dislocations, sprains, scalds and much more. Each MIU is linked with an Emergency Department, so that if a patient needs to be admitted to hospital they can be referred directly from the Unit. This clinic would be a step in the right direction and help resolve the ongoing overcrowding crisis in Letterkenny University Hospital A&E where patients endure 'Corridor Care' while being subjected to intolerable waiting times. The average waiting time in an MIU is 2 hours.

Instead of spending €21 million euro on a pointless referendum in March, that money could have been better spent on converting the empty rooms at St Conal's into a state of the art Minor Injury Unit for the people of Donegal. Government inaction on the crisis in A&E is costing people their lives. Studies tell us that delays of more than six hours correspond to one extra death for every 82 patients, within 30 days. Our health service is unfit for purpose. Aontú demand the proper health facilities people deserve in a modern society."

Mevagh News

The Mevagh Family Resource Centre is closed Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd June.

Breast & Bottle-Feeding Support Group - Unfortunately, this group will not meet this week, as planned. The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th June in the centre from 11am until 12:30pm. For

more information, contact Geor-

gina on ggallagher@dldc.org or tel. 086 0133203 to book an appointment at Mevagh Family Resource Centre on Thursday, June 6th from 10am to 1pm. Antenatal Classes - commencing in Mevagh FRC on Thursday 6th June from 2 to 4pm, for 4 weeks. This will be facilitated by PHN Eileen Duggan. If you would like more information, or to book your place please contact Eileen, Tel: 9155430.

Employment Supports

Clinic - information on CV building, job searching, cover letters and interview skills. An Outreach Clinic will be held on Thursday 6th June from 11am to 1pm in Mevagh Family Resource Centre. For more information, contact Deirdre on 0873120139 or email resadmin@dldc.org

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424

CLG Na Dúnaibh news

Cluichí: Sa chéad cluiche ag an deireadh seachtaine, d'imir foireann na mná sinsear in éadan Ard a' Ratha agus tar éis taispeántais maith ón fhoireann go léir bhí an bua ag an fhoireann baile. An scór deiridh: Na Dúnaibh 4-11, Ard a' Ratha 3-11.

Thug foireann sinsear na b'fhear an turas go Gaoth Dobhair ar an Domhnach ach bhí an fhoireann baile ró-láidir ar an lá agus bá é an scór deiridh - Gaoth Dobhair 3-12, Na Dúnaibh 1-8. Bhí Seamus L. Mac Giolla Bhríde ar ais ar an pháirc don chéad uair i mbliana, tar éis gortú olc, agus fuair sé cúl agus pointe. Tá sé deas é a fheiceáil ar ais ag imirt. Níl aon cluiche againn an deireadh seachtaine seo chugainn.

Cluichí na seachtaine seo:

Dé hAoine, 31.05.24 - Faoi 8, Gleann tSuilí i.a. Na Dúnaibh - 18:15 i.n.

Dé Luain, 03.06.24 - Buachaillí Faoi 16, Bun Crannach i.a.

Na Dúnaibh - 18:30 i.n. Deardaoin, 06.06.24 - Cailíní Faoi 14, Na Dúnaibh i.a. An Tearmainn - 19:00 i.n. Dé Sathairn, 08.06.24 - Na Dúnaibh i.a. Naomh Mhuire - 11:00 r.n.

Lotto

Torthaí on lotto 27ú Bealtaine 2024 - Uimhreacha 6,16, 19,24. Ní raibh trí uimhir ag aon duine.

Fuair iad seo a leanas €20 an duine: Gerard Coyle, Ann McBride, Justin O'Doherty, Maureen Vaughan, Mary Boyce, Davina, Caroline Loughrey, James Logue. Beidh tarraingt an tseachtain seo chugainn ar siúl oíche Luan, 3ú Meitheamh san Ionad. Beidh €6900 sa phota ór. Imir ar-líne ag bit.ly/NDLotto agus i na siopaí áitiúla.

Bingo

Beidh an bingo ar siúl, mar is gnách, san ionad agus ar-líne oíche Shathairn ag 8:30 i.n.



Buchanan's team bags a winner in a 3-0 Cork Cup final. Kellyann Buchanan (pictured far right), daughter of Jason and Marianna, sister of Megan and Eimer Buchanan, granddaughter of Harry Buchanan and the late Mary, Milford and May McFadden and the late Francis McGregor, Drumherville, Ramelton. The first year boys of St Francis School whom she coached and managed to semi final and went on to win the final, against Hamilton High School. What a way to end her last 4 college years in UCC.



Donal Coyle, treasurer of the Ulster senior football league presenting a cheque to John Toye for €3,400 for the upcoming Toye Charity Barndance.

Volunteers Needed for Milford's 'Rags to Riches' Charity Shop

The Milford community is rallying together to support their local charity shop, 'Rags to Riches.' Lisa and her dedicated team are seeking volunteers to join their ranks.

Why Volunteer?

By volunteering, you directly contribute to local initiatives. All proceeds from the thrift shop go back into supporting Milford's community projects.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to connect with others and build lasting friendships while learning new skills. Whether you're organising donations, assisting customers, or managing inventory, volunteering provides valuable experience.

If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be part of a vibrant community effort, contact or visit the 'Rags to Riches' shop on Milford's Main Street. Your time and dedication will help support your local community! The charity shop, located in Milford, offers a wide range of clothing, shoes, and accessories. Every purchase supports local causes, making it a win-win for shoppers and the community.

Visit us Rags to Riches, Milford Main Street - Find us on Facebook & Instagram or Call (074) 915 3736

Table Quiz

Milford Community Playgroup will host a table quiz in the Travellers Inn, Milford on this Thursday 30th May at 8.00pm. Table of four is €20, fun night with raffle and prizes, everyone welcome. 50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 2nd

June in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

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Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are Sunday 2nd June Wills Lynch; 7th July Beach Mission Team.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held their away outing to Westport last weekend and the winners were, Day 1 - 1st Stephen Boucher, 2nd David Bonner, 3rd Adam Bolton, Nearest to the Pin, Stephen Boucher and Peter O'Donnell. Day 2 - 1st Eugene and Donal McCafferty; 2nd Scott McBride and Peter O'Donnell; Nearest to the Pin David Bonner.

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 22nd June to Foyle Golf Club, Derry. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details. Kennedy /

Gaynor Cup

Best wishes to Milford United players Zack Djedi, Ramelton member of the U14 boys team and Mairead Shields, daughter of the Daniel and Mary Shields, Rossgarrow who travel to Limerick over the next two weekends as part of the Donegal U14 team to take part in the respective Kennedy and Gaynor Cup competitions.

Daffodil Day Thanks

On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society Elizabeth and Valerie Gallagher would like to thank everyone for their valued support. Thanks to the schools, shops and Post Offices who sold daffodils on our behalf. Thanks to Blaney's Kerrykeel and Maple, Milford for giving permission to sell on the day, and Clondavoddock Parish for the use of the Hall in Tamney. Finally thank you the community for donating by buying produce. A grand total of €5412.73 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Playgroup celebrates 40 Years

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygrouppltd@hotmail.com by 18th of June. Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford this week Saturday 1st June at 7.30pm; Sunday 2nd June at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 1st June at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday



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Online Tickets can be bought on Klubfunder or by Revolut to
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The team in Memory of Julie Casey to date have raised €9,450 for the Relay for Life and team members and family are pictured taking part in the weekend. The results of draw are 1st Marjorie Hay Northern Lights Glass, 2nd Mary McGrath Hamper Whoriskey's Ramelton, 3rd Margaret Houston Brennans Pharmacy Voucher, 4th Margaret Orr Hamper - Seamus/Veronica McAteer, 5th Patrick McGough Brennans Pharmacy Voucher, 6th Michael Connolly Teatime Hamper, 7th Avril Murray Brennans Pharmacy Voucher, 8th Val Conroy Hamper, 9th Sheilagh McDevitt Brennans Pharmacy Voucher.



28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take places on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm.

Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the week. Contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

There are many activities taking place at the centre each week and for further information on classes and activities, contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 30th May at 8pm
in the Travellers Inn, Milford

In aid of the Milford Community Playgroup

Tables of 4 - €20 per table

Fun Night with Raffle & Prizes
Everyone welcome

Memorial stone in memory of the late Hugo Duggan

Milford Athletic Club in conjunction with Milford Park Development Committee will hold an unveiling of a memorial stone in memory of the late Hugo Duggan on Saturday the 15th June at 12noon at the playing pitches, Moyle Road in Milford. The new stone is opposite the long jump area, the discipline in which Hugo won many National Titles. Guest speakers include, John Cronin, president of Athletics Ireland and Patsy McGonagle, five times Irish Olympic team manager.

Milford Over 65's

The Milford Over 65's Group is back up and running again and people from all areas are more than welcome to attend. We meet up every Friday from 11am to 1pm in the Supper Room of the Community Hall on the Kilmacrennan Road. New members are always welcome.

Employment Support

DLDC Employment Support can help long term unemployed to get back into full time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more. So if you wish to avail of our service the Outreach Officer will be in attendance in Milford & District Resource Centre on Wednesday 5th June from 2-4pm. No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Mary on 087 9926681.



Turlough McHugh with a strong Milford connections came on as substitute for Derry Minor Football team as they won the Ulster title on Sunday last defeating Armagh on a scoreline of 0-12 to 1-7 at O'Neill's Healy Park in Omagh. Derry now face an Leinster runners up Dublin in All-Ireland quarter-final. Turlough is the son of Joe and Martina McHugh, Drumsurn, Derry and grandson of Mary McHugh and the late John McHugh, Forquar, Milford.

Ceramic Exhibition at Milford Library



Milford library is currently hosting an exhibition of ceramic buildings based on Milford town



completed by senior Art students at Loreto Community School, Milford. These clay, sculptural tiles - depicting 13 buildings from Milford town - were made by 5th and 6th year students as a collaborative group project. The installation of the exhibition has been facilitated by Milford librarian Catherine Rainsford and Donegal County Council. The exhibition will continue over the summer months - open Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9.30-5.30pm.

Above - 2nd year students visiting the exhibition: Orlagh Tierney, Naomi Cullen, Emma Ward-Vaughan, Erin Carlin
Left - 2nd year students Hannah Boyce and Emma McGee viewing the ceramic work at Milford Library



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- A Strong Political Voice:** I'll be your advocate in the Council chamber, challenging the failures of the Government parties and demanding action for our community and for Donegal.
- Serving Our Community:** While my primary focus is on defective concrete issues, I'm also committed to addressing the ongoing wider concerns and needs of our community.
- Your Support Matters:** I ask for your support in both helping me understand the community concerns and needs. Together, we can bring about impactful change and build a better future for all of Donegal.

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Women in Donegal want to step into Politics Supported and Heard



Women from across Donegal and representing various community groups attended Donegal County Council's EMPOWER HER event on Friday in the Council Chamber in Lifford. The seminar was moderated by Eileen Magnier. Photo by Gerard McHugh

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(DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)

ROADS ACT 1993
SECTION 75, ARTICLE 12
ROADS REGULATIONS 1994



TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS
3rd July – 16th July 2024

Ramelton Lennon Festival

3rd July to 16th July 2024 - Funfair
4th to 6th July 2024 – Music Events
7th July 2024 – Soapbox Derby
13th to 15th July 2024 – Music Events

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the Ramelton Lennon Festival.

Event	Road to be Closed:	Dates & Times	Alternative Route
Funfair	Local Secondary L-7272-4 Shore Road to Corner of the Quay	03 rd July to 16 th July	Diversions via Castle Street and Bridge Street and the Tank ie. L1422-1, L7272-3, L7272-1, R245
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	4 th July - 6pm to 10pm 5 th July – 6pm to 1am 6 th July – 6pm to 1am	Diversion via R-245 & L-7272-1 & L-7272-2
Soapbox Derby	L-5752-1 Church Road, L-7272-1 Church Street from the Rectory Road Junction to the Lennon Lodge Junction Including L-7302-1 St Marys Tee & L-7272-2 Tank Road	7 th July – 1pm - 8pm	Diversions via the R245 and Bridge Street L7272-3/2 & Castle Street L1422-1. Local access on L-5752-1, L-7302-1 & L-7272-2
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	12 th July - 6pm to 1am 13 th July – 6pm to 1am 14 th July – 6pm to 1am 15 th July – 6pm to 1am	Diversions via the R245

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to Roads Central, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before 4.30pm on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

In the event of objections to the granting of any of the proposed roads closures, the Council reserves the right to make details of the objections available to the licence applicant where it considers this necessary in order to fully consider the validity of any of the objections received.

Bryan Cannon
Director of Service, Roads and Transportation

Donegal County Council's recent 'EMPOWER HER' event provided a platform for women to voice their aspirations, share their concerns, and work towards a more inclusive political landscape. Gathering in the Council Chamber at County House in Lifford, women from a cross-section of society participated.

At the last local elections in 2019, four female Councillors out of a total Council of 37 members were elected (just over 10%). This time around there are 91 candidates running for election, 19 of whom are women or 21%.

The seminar explored ways to encourage and support women of all backgrounds into politics. The event was chaired by Eileen Magnier, former North West Correspondent with RTE who congratulated Donegal County Council on hosting such an event.

Patsy Lafferty from the Council thanked all those who participated and who openly gave feedback on their experiences and ideas for greater female representation.

"This event was both inspiring and insightful. There is a very clear interest among women in this county to get involved in public participation, but

there are barriers. Today has set a promising foundation for the future of women in politics in Donegal. The Council is committed to continuing this momentum, ensuring that these discussions translate into meaningful action and lasting change."

Michelle Maher is Programme Manager of See Her Elected. She said "Have a look at the women standing, if you're not compromising your values or principles consider a woman with your vote. Today proved that more women want to get involved but they need support and need to be listened to. At See Her Elected we are already planning for the next local elections in five years and today has provided invaluable insight and ideas."

Jessica McDevitt is Mayor of Donegal Youth Council. The 15-year-old student from Fintown a third-year student at Gairmscoil Chú Uladh called for politics to be on the curriculum in every school in Donegal. "There are only four schools in the county that teach politics at second level. I believe that all schools should have the opportunity that I and my friends do. I know for sure there are members of Donegal Youth Council that will be sitting in this chamber as elected politicians in the future because of the experience that we have now."

Leading Pro-Life campaigner seeks Milford seat

Aontú's candidate for the local elections in Milford is Kathleen Deeney, a native of Newtown, Rathmullan. She was a chef and was employed with the HSE for thirty years and she's a leading Pro-Life voice in Donegal.

Having family members with dyslexia issues, this was the driving force for Kathleen to join the Dyslexia Association of Ireland, and she was Chairperson of the Letterkenny Branch for 10 years and also elected Donegal Representative at National Level.

As a member of Donegal Pro-Life, Kathleen has emotionally and financially helped countless women to keep their babies. As a trained Life Counsellor she has counselled many women who suffer the aftermath trauma and regret of post-abortion. Kathleen also provides literacy support to children at a local national school.

In her spare time Kathleen is a keen golfer and a former Captain of Otway Golf Club, and also is Chairperson of Rathmullan Heritage and History Group. As with other Aontú candidates in Donegal, one of Kathleen's priorities is to demand that the HSE opens a Minor Injury Unit in the empty rooms at the rear of St Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny.

She said: "We desperately need such a clinic here in Donegal to relieve the crippling pressure on LUH and the Department of Emergency Medicine, Accident & Emergency Department. Minor Injury Units cater for patients with less serious issues, conduct diagnostics and treat minor injuries directly. The average waiting time in an MIU is two hours.

Government inaction on the crisis in A&E is costing people their lives. Studies tell us that delays of more than six hours correspond to one extra death for every 82 patients, within 30 days."

A keen campaigner for Pro-Life, Kathleen said: "It is the human condition that we all make mistakes.



None of us can say that we haven't erred, especially at a time of stress or crisis. But the decision to end a life is of an extraordinary magnitude.

When FF, FG and SF leaders campaigned for abortion to be introduced, they identified specific protections and safeguards. Yet 6 years later, it looks like the Government seeks to dismantle their promises along with the few protections and safeguards that were included. Reports are that the Three-Day Consideration Period is to be scrapped.

An estimated 40,000 abortions - and counting - have taken place in this country since 2019. These horrendous figures show an astonishing failure on the part of our Government to offer genuine and practical help to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy?" she said.

DECLAN MEEHAN

INDEPENDENT

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA



I'M ASKING FOR YOUR NUMBER ONE VOTE ON JUNE 7TH

Dear Voter,

At the start of my campaign back in March, I said this election was all about people, places and possibilities. Since then, my team and I have knocked on over 4,000 of your doors to listen. To listen to your concerns and your issues, to listen to the things – be they big or small – that trouble you and your family. It has been a privilege and I want to thank everyone for their courtesy and engagement on the doors over the past 11 weeks. I have heard you loud and clear.

I heard you loud and clear when you told me about your struggles with housing. To those of you on waiting lists for years and years for housing, it is just not good enough. To those of you living at home, who long for your own place, you deserve better. It's not good enough that our Council is not maintaining their own housing stock locally and that they have not delivered any new social housing for this area for more than 10 years.

I heard you loud and clear with your heart-breaking stories of defective blocks, standing at your doorsteps while you explain how overwhelmed you are with the reality of having to demolish your home, against the backdrop of a scheme which is unfit for purpose and its administration broken. As a homeowner with defective blocks myself, I understand your struggles and feel your heartache personally.

I heard you loud and clear about the lack of access to health facilities and services. I heard you when you told me about road safety and traffic concerns, about the lack of community spaces and about how our young people are leaving for better opportunities abroad.

It is vital that we have strong, committed and energetic representatives for this area over the next five years. There is too much at stake. We can't afford another five years of the same old inaction. It will be 2029 before we get this chance again.

You deserve a Councillor who will work hard every day for you and your community – on housing, on defective blocks, on health, on services and on infrastructure. You deserve Councillors that understand that communities – not dynasties – come first. You deserve Councillors whose sole interest is improving the lives of those who live here – not personal financial gain.

Representation matters. Who you elect on June 7th will matter for the next five years.

Thank you to those who have already pledged their first preference vote to me. I do not, will not, and never will take your vote for granted. If elected I promise to show up every day for every part of this electoral area, and not just at election time.

On June 7th, I'm asking you to vote for me, Declan Meehan, and let's make this a better community together.

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Below is a list of the Community and Sporting Groups I have helped as a Councillor.

Kilmacrennan, Termon & Gartan areas

- Kilmacrennan Community Development
- Kilmacrennan Regeneration Group
- Gartan Day Centre
- Kilmacrennan Parent & Toddler Group
- Termon GAA
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Kilmacrennan Celtic FC
- Kilmacrennan Young at Heart
- Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns
- Ard na Glaise, Kilmacrennan Residents Assoc
- Parents and Friends of Abbey Village
- Kilmacrennan National School
- Termon National School
- An Craobhin Termon
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Gartan United
- East Donegal Pony Club
- Kilmacrennan Men's Shed
- Kilmacrennan Parish
- Illistrin Schoolboys FC
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee

- No Barriers Foundation CLG
- Donegal Mountain Rescue Team
- Donegal County Council
- Third Age Foundation CLG
- Animals In Need (AIN) CLG
- Turas Colmcille Camino
- Errigal Cycling Club
- Colmcille Gospel Choir
- Donegal Motor Club CLG
- Conwal Parish Church
- Glen Rovers FC
- Church Hill Fair Committee
- Naíonra Gleann Domháin
- Church Hill Community Development Group CLG
- Letterkenny Community Centre CLG
- Fanad Development Association

Not on the list? Reach out and give me a call and get on the list for the next time!

Milford

Delighted to have helped these groups since I joined the Council

- Milford Tidier for all
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee
- Milford United FC
- Milford GAA Club
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Scoil Mhuire NS, Milford
- Milford Athletic Club
- Milford Ju Jitsu Club

Car Park at Milford School



Cllr. John O'Donnell pictured at the car park at Scoil Mhuire in Milford. Up to twelve cars can park across from the main entrance to the school and Cllr. O'Donnell sourced the land and provided the funding to construct the carpark from his Council funding. He is delighted with the way it turned out providing for safe park for teachers, staff and visitors.



The Three Towns Sewerage Scheme has an allocation of €50m. I commend Irish Water on this investment for Milford, Rathmullan and Ramelton which will stop raw sewerage going into River Lennon and Lough Swilly.

Town Centre Initiative

Milford secured €100,000.00 under the Town Centre First Initiative in 2021 and I'm delighted to have played my part in this.

Together We Can Make It Happen

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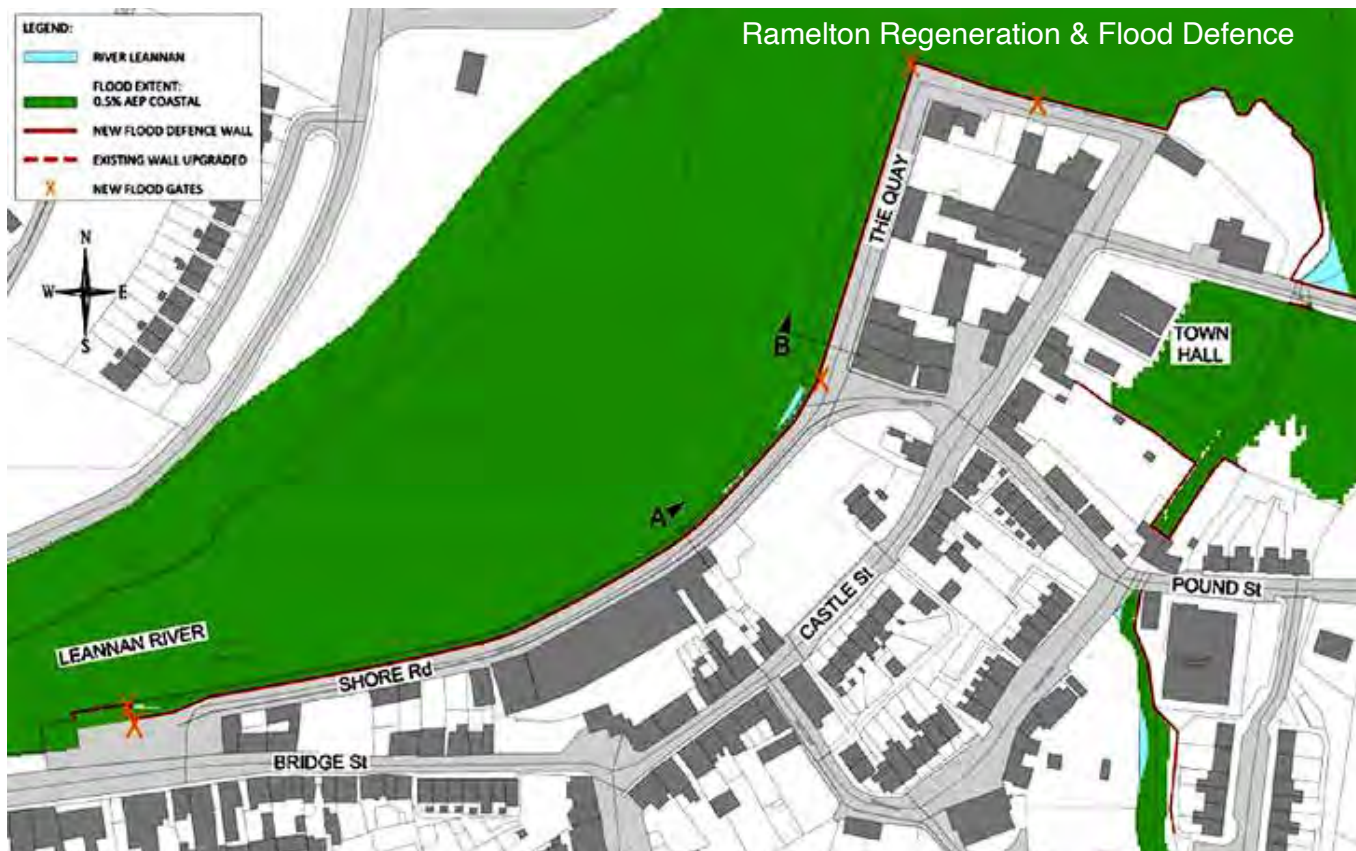
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Ramelton & Rathmullan

Delighted to have helped these groups in Ramelton since I joined the Council

- Ramelton Care of the Aged
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee
- Lennon Festival, Ramelton
- Ramelton Table Tennis Group
- Ayrhill National School

- Ramelton Tennis Club
- Ramelton Community Centre
- Ramelton Community Playgroup
- Ramelton Town Hall Development
- Swilly Rovers FC



Delighted to have helped these groups in Rathmullan since I joined the Council

- Lough Swilly Ferry
- Ray Community Group
- Whitestrans Utd FC
- Rathmullan & District Resource Centre

- Rathmullan Community Festival
- Otway Golf Club
- RDRC The Way Forward, Rathmullan
- ORSI Scheme**
- Lehardan Harbour Project €22,000
- Standing Man Glenalla €22,000
- Rathmullan Community Gardens & Allotments €50,000
- Clar Funding 2020-2021**
- Ray Community Group €86,000



The Rathmullan Pier project costing €4.6m

Together We Can Make It Happen

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Cranford, Carrigart, Glen and Downings areas

- Carrigart Development Association
- Naoinra na nDunaibh
- Mevagh Family Resource Centre
- Cranford Defibrillator
- Coiste Comhneachain Rosguill
- Cranford Community Games
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Health Forum
- Glenree Soccer Academy
- Glenree United
- Fanad Lighthouse
- Scoil Naomh Brid, Na Dunaibh
- Downings Tidy Towns
- Mevagh Development Association
- Mevagh Playgroup Group
- Glenree United Ladies Team
- Downings GAA
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Cranford Athletic Club
- Cranford FC
- Downings Festival
- Downings Christmas Lights
- Visit Downings

Fanad, Kerrykeel, Glenvar and Rathmullan areas

- Fanad Lighthouse
- Lough Swilly Ferry
- Kerrykeel Park Development
- Fanad Lakes Angling
- Ray Community Group
- Fanad Ju Jitsu
- Fanad United FC
- Fanad Active Group
- Portsalon Development Association
- Kerrykeel Tidy Towns
- Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church
- Whitestrans Utd FC
- Rathmullan & District Resource Centre
- St. Davaddog's NS
- Rathmullan Community Festival
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Gaeil Fhanada
- Naoinra Fhanada
- Fanad Youth Club
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum
- Otway Golf Club
- Fanad Day Centre

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Ballyare 10k launched



At the launch of the Ballyare 10k in Carrs of the Diamond, Ballyare were seated Martin Friel, Martin Pyper from the Donegal Down Syndrome Association, Eugene Mulgrew, John Wallace, Tracy and Ronald McKnight from MS Ireland Donegal Branch. At back are committee members Brendan McGinty, Gerry and Sharon Durning, Pat Carr, Patrick Hegarty, Moira Carr and PJ Burke.

The 2024 Ballyare 10k Road Race and 5km fun walk will take place this year on Friday the 9th of August and details were launched on Wednesday night in Carrs of the Diamond.

Pat Carr, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the unveiling of the events with all proceeds raised will go to MS Ireland,

Donegal Branch and the Donegal Down Syndrome Association. All money raised locally will stay local to help people affected.

To provide some context, he explained that the inaugural Ballyare 10k occurred in 1993 marking its 31st anniversary this year.

It was founded by Finn Valley stalwart, Pat Hegarty and they are delighted to have Pat still actively involved on the committee.

Throughout the years the Committee has introduced a range of diverse fundraising initiatives to increase the funds raised. This requires significant dedication from Donegal Page.

both the committee and the local community who consistently demonstrate their willingness to assist and support the events.

One of those community members there on the night was PJ Burke who organises Quizzes and Treasure hunts as well as providing assistance with other events.

The committee also acknowledge and appreciate the continued support of sponsors who greatly contribute to the fundraising activities. Numerous charities and community projects have received support over the years with a total of over €215,000 raised to date.

The committee has consistently strived to ensure that all funds raised remain within the county and are re-invested back into the community.

The chairperson said he was pleased to announce that this year the selected very worthy charities are Donegal Down Syndrome Association and MS Ireland Donegal Branch.

He welcomed the representatives of both charities to the launch and said the committee look forward to working with them in the months ahead.

A full calendar of events right through to October will be finalised in the coming weeks and will be posted on the Ballyare 10k website. Sponsor Cards will also be available

from both charities and from the Committee by calling 0862395147.

Pat Carr finished by acknowledging the ongoing coverage and publicity from the local media, particularly Francis Diver from the Tirconaill Tribune and William Coyle from Donegal Page.

Letterkenny Athletic Club News

In the Newell 10km road race in Coalisland, Co. Tyrone LAC member Barry Mackey ran 40:24 and Patricia McKenna ran 51:11 while in the Newell 5km race Aidan McKenna ran 19:25.

In the Ayr Hill National School 5km race LAC's Callum Keaveney competed and ran a superb time of 18:46, Raymond McDermott ran 23:11 and Richard Raymond ran 25:20.

In Scotland the Edinburgh Half Marathon took place and Mark Nee and Paul Lee made the trip to run in a competitive field recording times of 1:32:50 and 1:52:01 respectively.

The Educate Together National School held their 5km race last week and LAC produced some fine results.

Dessie Shields was the first member to cross the line in a time of 18:15 followed by Stephen Woods in 18:19 and Colly O'Donnell who ran 18:38. Eamonn McEldowney ran 19:34, Peter Gallagher ran 20:10, Gary Price ran 21:49, Frank Pinder 23:06, Clodagh Sammon 23:33, Sadie McDermott ran 24:39, Anne Robinson ran 25:23, Alicia McNulty 25:32, Zoe Marley 25:52, Faye Laughlin 25:54 and Helena Crossan 26:31,

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.

All runs start at the Aura. All levels catered for and encouraged.

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 5.45pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.



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An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú) Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2001 (arna leasú)

PLEAN FORBARTHA CONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL 2024-2030 (LENA N-ÁIRÍTEAR PLEANANNA CEANTAIR DO: BEALACH FÉICH/SRATH AN URLÁIR, BUN CRANNCHA AGUS BUN DOBHRÁIN) AGUS TUARASCÁIL TIMPEALLACHTA

TABHAIR FAOI DEARA:

- Plean a Dhéanamh:** De bhun Chuid II (Pleananna agus Treoirínte), Alt 12(12)(a) agus (b) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú) ('an tAcht') rinne Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ('an Chomhairle') Plean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2024-2030 do limistéar feidhme na Comhairle (lena n-áirítear Pleananna Ceantair do: Bun Cranncha, Bealach Féich/Srath an Urláir agus Bun Dobhráin) ['na Plean'] an 16 Bealtaine 2024.
- Measúnacht Straitéiseach Comhshaoil:** Tá ráiteas ('an Ráiteas Straitéiseach Comhshaoil') ar fáil ina ndéantar achoimre ar -
 - An dóigh ar comhtháthaíodh cúinsí comhshaoil sa Plean;
 - An dóigh ar cuireadh na nithe seo a leanas san áireamh le linn ullmhú an Pheilan:
 - An Tuarscáil Chomhshaoil arna hullmhú de bhun Airteagal 13C de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001 (arna leasú) ['na Rialacháin'],
 - Aighneachtaí agus tuairimí a seoladh chuig an Údarás mar fhreagra ar fhógraí faoi Alt 12(1) agus (7) den Acht, agus
 - Aon chomhairliúcháin faoi Airteagal 13f de na Rialacháin;
 - Na cúiseanna leis an Plean a roghnú, mar ar glacadh leis, i bhfianaise na roghanna réasúnacha eile ar pléadh leo; agus
 - Na bearta ar cinneadh orthu chun faireachán a dhéanamh, de réir Airteagal 13J de na Rialacháin, ar na héifeachtaí suntasacha comhshaoil a ghabhann le cur chun feidhme an Pheilan.
- Measúnacht Chui:** Rinne an tÚdarás Cinneadh de réir Alt 177V den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) de réir cheanglais Airteagal 6.3 de Threoir an AE maidir le Gnáthóga ('Cinneadh AA') nach mbeidh aon drochthionchar ar shláine aon suímh Eorpaigh mar thoradh ar ghlacadh leis an Plean ná ar é a cur i bhfeidhm.
- Doiciméid ar fáil:** Beidh cóip de na doiciméid seo a leanas ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh (i.) in oifigí agus leabharlanna Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall le linn gnáthuaireanta oscailte ábhartha; agus (ii.) ag www.donegaldevplan.ie
 - An Plean;
 - An Ráiteas Straitéiseach Comhshaoil; agus
 - Cinneadh AA agus na cúiseanna atá leis an Cinneadh sin.

Liam Mac an Bhaird,
An Stiúrthóir Forbartha Pobail agus Pleanála,
Teach an Chontae,
Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall.
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Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended)

COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2024-2030 (INCORPORATING AREA PLANS FOR: BALLYBOFEY/STRANORLAR, BUNCRANA, AND BUNDORAN) AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

- Making of Plan:** Pursuant to Part II (Plans and Guidelines), Section 12(12)(a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) ('the Act') Donegal County Council ('the Council') made the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 for the functional area of the Council (incorporating Area Plans for: Bunrana, Ballybofey/Stranorlar and Bundoran) ['the Plan'] on 16th May 2024.
- Strategic Environmental Assessment:** A statement ('the Strategic Environmental Statement') is available summarising -
 - How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan;
 - How the following have been taken into account during the preparation of the Plan:
 - The Environmental Report prepared pursuant to Article 13C of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) ['the Regulations'],
 - Submissions and observations made to the Authority in response to notices under Section 12(1) and (7) of the Act, and
 - Any consultations under Article 13F of the Regulations;
 - The reasons for choosing the Plan, as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
 - The measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with Article 13J of the Regulations, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan.
- Appropriate Assessment:** The Authority made a Determination in accordance with Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in line with the requirements of Article 6.3 of the EU Habitats Directive ('the AA Determination') that adoption and implementation of the Plan will have no adverse effects on the integrity of any European site.
- Availability of Documents:** A copy of the following documents will be available for inspection (i.) at the offices and libraries of Donegal County Council during relevant normal opening hours; and (ii.) at www.donegaldevplan.ie
 - The Plan;
 - The Strategic Environmental Statement; and
 - The AA Determination and the reasons for that Determination.

Liam Ward,
Director of Community Development and Planning,
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Packie Mailey new Bonagee boss

Bonagee United have confirmed that Packie Mailey (*pictured right*) has been appointed as the club's new first team manager. The Convoy native has been installed to succeed Jason Gibson, who has stepped down after six years in the role. The appointment comes with Bonagee United set to return to the Premier Division of the Donegal League for the 2024/25 season.

Mailey played for Bonagee United under his predecessor, switching to Dry Park in 2019 having previously played 170 times for Finn Harps. The central defender also played with Ballinamallard in the Irish League.

"This is an exciting appointment for Bonagee United," said club chairman Niall Callaghan. "Packie is no stranger

to Bonagee and knows the club well from his recent time as a player. He knows the local game inside-out and has been undertaking his coaching badges in recent years. His experience in senior football, having also had a spell in Scotland, has continued into an enthusiasm for coaching and we have been delighted to host his M32 Academies here at Dry Arch Park.

"Having returned to the top flight in the Donegal League, Bonagee is keen to push on again as a club and this is an appointment with that in mind. Packie's backroom team will be confirmed in due course."

Under Jason Gibson's management, Bonagee won six trophies, collecting two Knockalla Caravans Senior Cups,

three Ulster Senior League Cups and a North West of Ulster Intermediate Cup. In the season just gone, Bonagee United, after the Ulster Senior League ceased, operated in Division One of the Donegal League and secured automatic promotion. The club has also acknowledged the Manor man's commitment to the club over those six years. "Bonagee would like to place on record our appreciation to Jason Gibson, Jason was manager through the club's most successful spell and we are indebted to him for the effort over the last six years. We are happy that Jason will be remaining involved at Bonagee United as his experience and knowledge will certainly be of use going forward" said Club chairman Niall Callaghan.



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			Slí Bheatha / Occupation	Ainm an Pháirtí Polaitíochta, más ann dó / Name of Political Party, if any	
Blaney	Liam	Ballina, Tamney	Farmer	Fianna Fáil	Marty McAteer, Doaghbeg, Portsalon
Bradley	Vincent J	Carrigart	Agricultural Sector	Non-Party	
Deeney	Kathleen	Newtown, Carradoan, Rathmullan	Retired HSE Worker	Aontú	
Doherty	Maria	Gortnabrade, Carrigart	Project Manager	Sinn Féin	James Coll, Rosnakill, Letterkenny
Jackson	Éamonn	Glenkeen, Milford	National Sales Manager	100% Redress	
McGarvey	Pauric	Craig, Rathmullan	Retail Area Manager	Non-Party	Ian McGarvey, Glenleary, Ramelton
Meehan	Declan	Heron Hill, Drumherville, Ramelton	Community Worker	Non-Party	Pádraig McGuinness, Heron Hill, Drumherville, Ramelton
O'Donnell	John	Kilmacrennan	Public Representative	Non-Party	
Sweeney	Aaron	Woodquarter, Cranford	Teacher	Fine Gael	

Pól MacGiolla, An Ceann Comhairimh

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			Slí Bheatha / Occupation	Ainm an Pháirtí Polaitíochta, más ann dó / Name of Political Party, if any	
Ahmed	Thoiba	6 Whitethorn Park, Gortlee Road, Letterkenny	Community Worker	Non-Party	Sharon McMenamin, 68 Gleann Tain Manor, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny
Bradley	Kevin	42 Beechwood Rd, Letterkenny	Public Representative	Non-Party	
Bradley	Vincent J	Carrigart, Letterkenny	Agricultural Sector	Non-Party	
Brogan	Ciaran	Trentagh, Letterkenny	Public Representative Business Person	Fianna Fáil	Seamus McGettigan, 11 Crievesmith PK, Letterkenny
Carr	Nuala	78 Meadow Hill, Letterkenny	Social and Environmental Scientist	Green Party/Comhaontas Glas	
Coyle	Donal	Correnagh, Letterkenny	County Councillor	Fianna Fáil	Gerard O Loan, Lurgybrack, Letterkenny
Devine	Tomás Seán	11 Gort Na Gréine, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny	Self Employed	100% Redress	
Haughey	Sandra	Raymoghney, Manorcunningham, Letterkenny	Computer Analyst	Sinn Féin	
Hughes	Ulick	10 The Pines, Churchill, Letterkenny	Mechanical Engineer	Sinn Féin	
Jordan	Declan	5 Hillview, Lismonaghan, Letterkenny	Head Porter	Non-Party	Karol Duggan, 9 Parkview, Gortlee, Letterkenny
Kavanagh	Jimmy	Ashbrook, Letterkenny	County Councillor	Fine Gael	
Kelly	Donal Mandy	Cashelreagh, Newmills, Letterkenny	Public Representative	Fianna Fáil	Donal Kelly, Kilpheap, New Mills, Letterkenny
McBride	Michael	Churchill	Sales Manager	Non-Party	Rachel Callaghan, Churchill
McCloskey	Anne	109 Chapel Road, Derry City	Medical Doctor (Retired)	The Irish People	
McLaughlin	Michael	11 Westhill, Convent Road, Letterkenny	PHD Student	The Labour Party	
McMonagle	Gerry	19 Ard Na Rí, Letterkenny	Public Representative	Sinn Féin	
O'Donnell	Selina	11 St Colmille Hostel, Sallaghgraine, Letterkenny			
Sweeney	Mary T	Listack, Letterkenny	Retired Lecturer	Aontú	

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Councillors are the peoples largest lobby group

The local election campaigns are generally about issues, messaging and the cut and thrust of the party machines. That's unless in the EU campaign where swimming in the deep waters of Killybegs Harbour can only ever have one winner - its the Sole preserve of Luke Ming Flanagan. However, in the local elections, the truth of the matter is that few of the issues being raised are the responsibility of Cllrs because ever since the infamous Better Local Government changes in 1999 when almost all of the real powers of the local council have been taken away and are back in the hands of civil servants...

With the final countdown under way to polling day on Friday week, the electorate seems much more removed than ever from politics, especially the party structure that is part of the country's governance. Truth be told, it's an election that has not caught the public imagination by any manner of means. Many doors are now closed all day long with families absent for work reasons and this makes the task of canvassing more difficult than ever before. And there are those who are not responding to canvassers at all. It would seem the level of no interest is high but in 2019 the national turnout was under 50% for the first time ever. Hard to know what's been done in the meantime to encourage more participation in local politics because there is no clear evidence of any campaign to drive this election. Councillors have many roles, many of them outside their remit of responsibility. However, they are a vital part of that lobby group that gets things done, be it in the Council Chamber, proposing policies in relation to their own electoral areas to make decisions about the operation of the local authority and the services it provides. For example, they decide on the county development plan and they are instrumental in reaching the amount of rates paid by the commercial sector. Development Plans and local regulations, known as bye-laws. Decisions taken by the elected Council are called reserved

functions. In Donegal there are ninetyone candidates seeking election. This is good democracy since it underlines the many and varied interests within the community. With 37 Members to be elected, the numbers not elected will be close to 60% but fair dues to one and all for putting their names out there for the public to decide. Nowadays, people's lives and interests have altered forever. And for the record there is far too much canvassing materials littering the place having been dropped on doorsteps and nobody has bothered retrieving these publicity leaflets. Fianna Fail is defending 279 seats: FG has 255: SF 81: the Greens hold 49 and it remains to be seen if the surge to Independents increases beyond their 20% share of first preferences in 2019. In all, there are 949 Council seats to be filled on 31 local authorities. In 2019 the electorate was 3.55 million and on polling day the turnout was 1.772 million leaving a turnout of 49.78%. The Donegal electorate was 135,000 and 55% voted. The big players in the voting stakes were Fianna Fail on 467,407: FG, 434,849: Independents, 339,246: Sinn Fein, 164,637 Labour was in fifth position on 99,500 and the Greens polled 96,315. The local elections campaigns are generally about issues, messaging and the cut and thrust of the party machines. That's unless in the EU campaign where swimming in the deep waters

of Killybegs harbour is the sole preserve of Luke Ming Flanagan. However, in the local elections, the truth of the matter is that few of the issues being raised are the responsibility of Cllrs because ever since the infamous Better Local Government changes in 1999 when almost all of the real powers of the local council have been taken away and are back in the hands of civil servants that nobody knows and couldn't care less about. However, Cllrs are our main conduit to the business of government and are instrumental in the running of the Council and the revenue budget that is currently just short of €200 million. Combined in unity and strength our 949 Cllrs are the public's biggest lobby group. However, the coming five years is make-or-break time for the local system of public representation and its future. And the new Council Chambers must put the return of lost powers, be it in decentralised budgets for health, housing, education, roads and all aspects of administration at the cutting edge of their responsibilities in promoting local issues and demands that impact our daily lives. And getting Dail Deputies back in monthly Council meetings is a real priority. Because it worked well in the past and it must do so again, if Councils really want to have their voices heard in the heart of government. Out there on the hustings, the electorate is circumspect, angry and suspicious amid claims that nothing much has changed for the better in five years despite the obvious prosperity in the Exchequer returns over that time. There is a sense of disillusion, disbelief and disenchantment with the main political parties. Maybe people have grown weary of hearing the same lame-duck excuses about health, housing and the return of emigration in a never-ending wheel of misfortune that regardless of how people vote, things effectively remain the same. Only the faces in Cabinet ever change and that does take far too long as well. For so many there is a distinct disconnect as if gov-

ernments of the past quarter of a century have failed the people. It's as if public trust in the main parties has been eroded. And that is not some distant notion. That really happened only two months ago when both referendums were rejected by massive majorities. That was truly a vote of no-confidence in the Government but in the opposition as well who backed the adoption of the two referendums. In recent weeks, candidates who were not known on the canvass trail and were assumed to be from one of the three main parties have spoken of being approached in a very menacing manner until they made it known they were non-party... then everything was fine, allegedly! Obviously, there are reasons why certain voters are enraged with the notion that anyone from the three main parties in Donegal should approach their doors. It was obvious that the March referendum vote was about much more than families amid accusations that the main parties were not telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth. In fact those who suspected there was an agenda to hide the real truth were correct. The electorate believed they were being taken for a ride... and they were. In fact the public saw an erosion of trust in politics given that all parties, bar Aontú who campaigned who called for a No vote and the electorate said endorsed that in the most overwhelming manner. The Government maintained throughout the campaign that the amendment would not affect taxation, succession, or family law. Now it has emerged there had been ambiguity, in the run up to the referendum, around the possible impact of the proposal to extend the definition of the family. The Government put it out there as the gospel according to Blessed Leo and Brother Micheál that the amendment would not affect taxation, succession, or family law. It appears that this was not in accord with the view of Revenue officials before the vote. Their position was that it would not be clear until the definition of non-marital

families was established, probably in the courts. The Government responded last week that its position reflected the advice given by the Attorney General. This is not the first or last time that a government has hidden behind the advice of the attorney general as if it was the equivalent of a Supreme Court judgment. The trouble is that the real facts tend to get lost in the noise of political spinning and there more of that around... so be wary. Instead, the impression in the aftermath of the referendums is the electorate being misled for political opportunism in the current climate. That, can further erode public trust. Governments would do well to bear this in mind in advance of forthcoming elections as promises are dished out and not fact checked for veracity. And that resonates very strongly with the collapse of the Celtic Tiger and the Golden Sunset of Fianna Fail that ended with the country's sovereignty being compromised with the arrival of the IMF officials to take charge of managing the finances of a broken economy. Years of political failure and runaway borrowing got out of control and no prizes for guessing the name of the legendary Taoiseach from that era. Back then, tens of thousands of educated young Irish fled the country... Now in 2024 that is happening all over again because young couples cannot find a rental home at under €1,500 a month. And insofar as waiting lists are concerned these are out of control and unless families are forking out on private medical insurance, life is beyond the reach of so many... It is as if you continue to wait long enough, please do not contract any other illness because it will be very bad for your health. And that's in a nation with money to spend at every turn of the road. But the electorate points to the exercise of government spending not really impacting on their lives in any meaningful way, be it on energy, fuel and food increases. There are 31 Local Authorities in Ireland and they are the most accessible form of government to all its citizens. They have responsibility for the delivery of a wide range of services in their local area, with a focus on making cities, towns, villages and the countryside attractive places in which to live, work and invest. Some candidates, particularly in urban locations, had the issue of immigration raised. However, housing, health, the infrastructure and the future in farming for a younger generation are very high on the Donegal agenda. The cost of living and lack of creche places are also up there as big concerns. Canvassers have heard farmers are angry over the green agenda and they feel that they are being punished for producing food. While the precise offering from each party may vary considerably, this election campaign has thrown up a worryingly consistent theme. That is the issues are not really new. But what is new is the disconnect between the governing and the governed.



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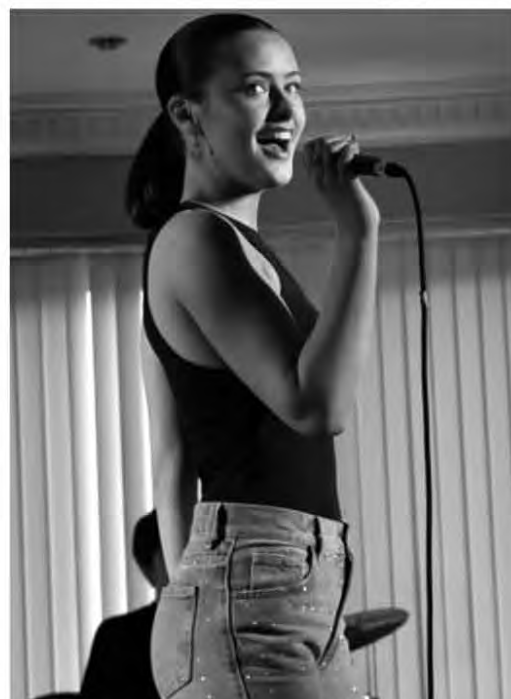
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PCC Falcarragh Concert in Ostan Loch Altan

Pictured are the PCC stars who performed at the School Concert recently in Ostan Loch Altan, Gortahork and PCC were delighted to welcome back past pupil Chelsea Evans (pictured right) who opened the School concert. Chelsea entertained the crowd and wished all the students continued success in music, drama and dance. Among the stars performing on the night were: The Stands featuring Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah McGeever; Solsha Kelly; Michael Joseph Mc Fadden. Banna Céilí PCC; Éabha Nic Fhionnnghaile; Maureen Byrne's Dancers; Callum Murray; Luke O'hEarcáin; Niamh Wilkins; Na Maológa; Sára; Grupa Tradisiúnta PCC; Liza Orlovska; Jack O' Maoilaine and All Ireland winning Drama: 'Faoi Bhois An Chait'





4th Year Academic Award Winners at the PCC Award Ceremony pictured with Ms Maeve Sweeney Principal PCC, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal PCC and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.



Second Year Academic Award Winners at the PCC Awards Ceremony pictured with Donna McFadden Deputy Principal PCC.

PCC Awards Night

Pobail Scoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola (PCC) held a very successful presentation function in Ionad Naomh Fionnán in Falcarragh. The Special Guests Roarty and Jason McGee, Donegal GAA player who presented the Sports Awards. The MC on was Stephen Dooan and Ms Maeve Sweeney Principal of PCC also spoke.

The Crew of the All Ireland Winning Drama Group pictured with School Principal Ms Maeve Sweeney, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.



Junior Cert Award Winners at the PCC Falcarragh Presentation Ceremony pictured with Ms Maeve Sweeney Deputy Principal PCC and Donna McFadden Deputy Principal PCC



School Spirit Recognition Award Winners (Student Voice) pictured at the PCC Award ceremony with Ms Maeve Sweeney Principal PCC, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.



Clodagh Toye who had full attendance for 6 years and Aiden McFadden who also had Full attendance pictured at the PCC Awards with Ms Maeve Sweeney Principal PCC, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.



Pictured Above: School Spirit Award Winners Staff Vote at the PCC Awards Presentations pictured with PCC Principal Ms Maeve Sweeney, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.

Pictured right: 1st Year Students at PCC who were awarded with their Academic Awards at the PCC Presentation Function pictured with Ms Maeve Sweeney Principal PCC, Donna McFadden Deputy Principal PCC Falcarragh and Special Guests Lorcan Roarty and Jason McGee.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a chairde Ghaeil, fáilte roimh achán duine ar ais, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh uilig go maith. Bhí mé ag caint i rith na seachtaine le bean uasal deas ó Rath Mealtain, darbh ainm Sally, agus bhí sí ag rá gur cé nach dtuigeann sí an Ghaeilge uilig atá san alt, bíonn na pictiúirí i gcónaí galánta deas.



Bhí sí ag insint dom go bhfuil dúil mhór aici ins na sailéidí agus go raibh sí ag gabháil triall a bhaint as an Sailéad Caesar! Agus, fosta, bíonn na sailéidí go hán- fóirsteanach do veigeatóirí.

Tá cuid mhór béilí veigeatóireachta ann atá go hiontach blasta agus iad déanta ar fhlucht, agus, gan amhras, bíonn na glasraí go deas gualaithe leis an teas ón fighual. Is veigeatóir í mo iníon is sine agus caithfidh mé a rá, cé gur shíl mé nach dtiocfadh leis an bia sin a bheith blasta, déanann sí béilí atá go hiontach deas ar fad.

Shílfeá go mbéadh sé níos deacra dóibh béilí blasta a dhéanamh, mar níl an méid sin blas i n glasraí ná mar atá le feoil, uaineoil, mairteoil agus araille, ach tá siad go hiontach crúthaíocht, agus úsáidtear na comhábhair le snas agus scil.

Chonaic mé go m baineann siad úsáid as cáis go minic le blasanna domhanda a fháil. Cáis amháin atá go foirfe anseo is í HALLOUMI. Is cáis í a thagann ón Chipir; tá sí déanta le bainne ón ghabhar nó caora, agus úsáidtear go minic ins na tíorthaí uilig sa cheantar, An Tuirc agus An Liobáin mar shampla.

Tá sí go hiontach suimiúil mar tá léaphointe aici atá ní airde ná atá gnáthach le cáiseanna. Mar sin friochtar í an chuid is mó den t-am, ar fhriochtán iomaireachta, rud a thugann blas galánta suimiúil uirthi, agus stríochanna deas gualaithe uirthi.

Mar sin, oibríonn sí go maith ar an fulacht le ceibeab glasrach a dhéanamh, mar shampla in aice le ubhthoradh agus cúirséad, beacháin agus a leithead. Thiocfadh leat anlann simplí a chuir le seo: sú líomóide agus ola olóige úrion. Má tá friochtán iomareacht agat bain úsáid as sin, na stríochanna gualaithe a fháil, áit ina bhfuil an blas domhan ann.

Tá cuma iontach ar HALLOUMI déanta mar seo agus meascaithe le sailéad deas. Tá uigeacht galánta agus difríocht aici fosta, agus, gan amhras ar bith, béidh do aoifanna án-tógtha leat!!! Béidh tú i mbéal an phobail! Feicfidh tú go bhfuil HALLOUMI éasca a fháil ins na hollmhargaí uilig agus, mar sin, ní bhéidh leithscéal ar bith muna mbaineann tú triall aisti.

Rud eile, tig leat sailéad te a dhéanamh le HALLOUMI, ubhthoradh agus cúirséad déanta ar an friochtán iomaireachta, agus, ansin, meascaithe le leitís, trátaí agus oinniún dearg le hiontas deas a thabhairt do dhaoine. Tá súil agam go bhfeiceann sibh an méid rudaí éagsúla atá ann le déanamh leis na hearraí agus comhábhair seo uilig, agus, in ainneoin athrá, déan do thaighde féin frid leabhair agus altanna a léamh ins na paipéirí nuachtáine. Sin an áit a bhfaighfidh tú smaointí nua agus suimiúla, agus arís, in ainneoin athrá eile: cleachtadh, cleachtadh agus cleachtadh arís!

Ní mharfaidh tú éinne. Agus de réir mar a leanann tú ar aghaidh leis an cócaireacht méadóidh do mhúinín ionat féin, agus is ceacht saoil án-mhór é sin. Mar sin, níl faic le cailleadh agus cuid mhór a fháil! Leanaigí ar aghaidh, a Chairde Ghaeil.



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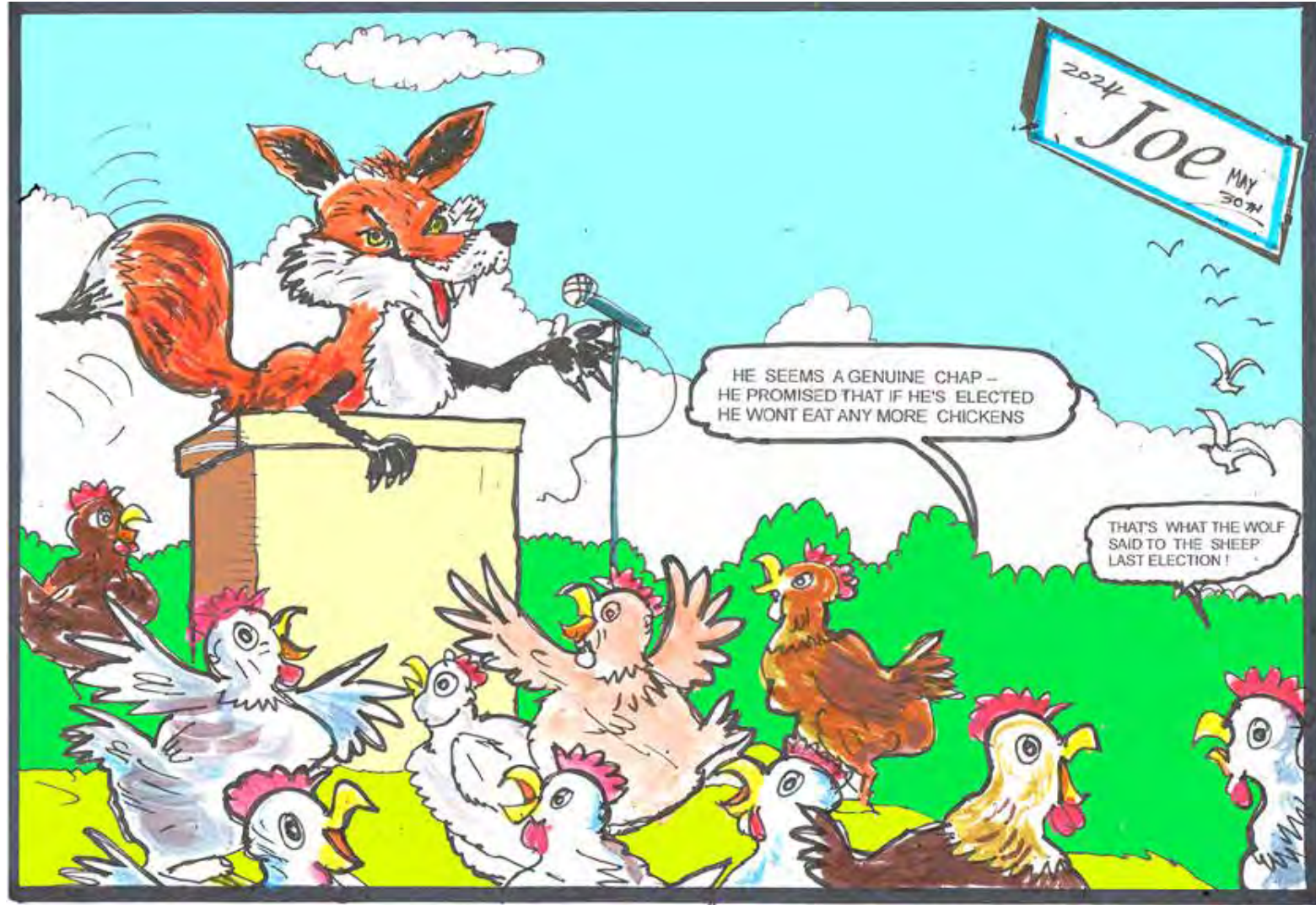
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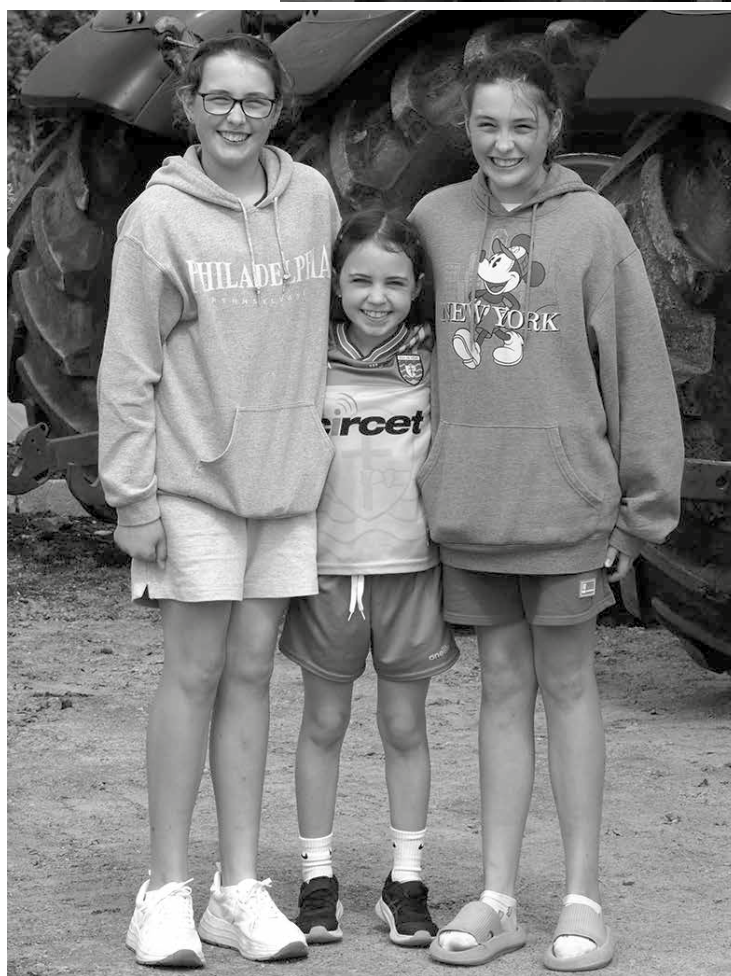
Denis Doherty, Emmet Boyce, Billy Blaney and John Connors before the start of the tractor run.



Enjoying the simple pleasures at the Tractor Run.



Local Fine Gael candidate Aaron Sweeney with Aimee Gorney and Adam Sweeney all ready for the tractor run.



Abbie Connor, Caoimhe Logue and Leah Connor at the Tractor Run.

Cranford Tractor & Bike Run

Scenes from the Tractor and Bike Run which departed from Logues of Cranford on Sunday week with all proceeds going to the A&E in Letterkenny University Hospital and St. Gabriel's Ward in Temple Street Hospital.



Dale McBride, Eimer Loughran and Darren Shields at the Tractor Run.



Johnny Wilhare and his son ready for the off.



Gary McBride with his daughter at the Run.

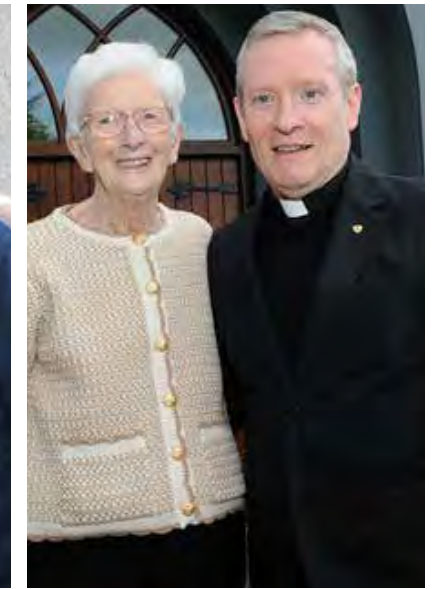
Sally celebrates her 90th birthday



Sally Greene, Bonagee and Churchill celebrated her 90th birthday at the weekend and special Mass was celebrated in Glendowan by Fr. Michael McKeever. Sally is pictured with John and Rosemary Crawford; Anne Harley, Caroline, Martin and Philip Mackey.



Sally with Breege Gallagher; Tilly and Joan Wilkin; Pat Doherty; Catriona and Rachael Hyland after the Mass in Glendowan Chapel.



Sally with Winnie Kennedy; Michael Crampsie; Kathleen Doohan; her cousin Joe McCormack from America and Fr. Michael McKeerer who celebrated the Mass.



Sally with Kathleen Toner O'Donnell and Rosemarie McGinty.

Sally with her God children, Peadar McBride, Geraldine Kelvey, Maria McClafferty and Sally O'Donnell.

“Time to get builders back building.. Michael McBride



Right - Cllr. Michael McBride pictured at his election Rally in the Boathouse Gartan on Saturday with his Director of Elections Anthony Gallagher and special guest Independent TD Marian Harkin. Above and below are sections of the attendance at the rally.



abolish some of them as the cost of living for ordinary people is out of control.”
On Roads and Traffic the T10 project in Donegal is vital but at the moment things are moving so slow. If there’s no objections or problems the earliest there will be a shovel in the ground will be 2028 and the Swilly Bridge is needed as the first part of the project not the third.
When the officials in Lifford tried to change the wording in the new County Development Plan to have the family ties to the land deleted, Michael said ‘over my dead body’ would he vote for that and the planners had



Denise McGrenra with Marian Harkin TD in Gartan on Saturday. to come back and keep in the stipulation that family”, he concluded.

As the local election campaign goes into its final week, Cllr. Michael McBride held an election rally on Saturday at the Boathouse at Gartan.

In what must have been one of the most picturesque settings for any political meeting looking out on Gartan lake, he was joined by his election team and supporters along with Deputy Marian Harkin.

Anthony Gallagher hosted the proceedings and thanked the election team for the hard seven weeks they have put in to date and urged them to continue the efforts.

Deputy Marion Harkin travelled from Sligo via Buncrana where she was canvassing in the early afternoon.

“I’m here to support Michael for his commitment and hard work. He is a results person and if it’s an issue that affects Donegal or Milford, he will be on the phone to me, especially on the MICA issue. He is a worker not a big talker but a doer, someone who gets things done.”

Michael McBride said that Anthony Gallagher rang him on the 12th of January and they began to work on their election publicity and decided to do one specifically on the Mica problem. He said that the Peoples Document launched in Buncrana is the only way to go and everyone deserves to have their homes fixed and people should not be out of pocket by amounts up to €60,000. It was lack of control by the Government and business people cutting corners to save money which led to the problem, not the peoples fault.

“From the moment I rang Marion Harkin about the problem she was very switched on and understood the Mica situation and has been working on it. I rang other Independent

“Mental health is also a very big problem for people with Mica affected homes and something will have to be done to help people.”

TD’s and I was shocked by their attitude saying the taxpayer shouldn’t be expected to pay for it”. “Mental health is also a very big problem for people with Mica affected homes and something will have to be done to help people,” he said.

On education, Michael said when he was on the board of Kilmacrennan NS he proposed an Autism Unit for the school and he’s delighted that it’s currently under construction and will be open for September.

He is also on the Board of Mulroy College in Milford where a new school is planned and the finance has been approved as is the case with Errigal College in Letterkenny.

In 2023 he was chairperson of the ETB and has been on the LYIT Board for 10 years and was delighted to see it becoming a university where the people of Donegal can go to Letterkenny for a university education saving thousands of Euros in accommodation and travel fees – this is one of the things he’s most proud of saying.

Housing or lack of it is a big problem and people can’t find houses to rent. “The Council has plans to build over 1300 over the next five years but the past 10 years we haven’t delivered houses and it’s catching up on us now. We need to get builders back in the game to provide houses and banks have to recognise the amount of money people are paying in rent into consideration when accessing a loan. I’m going to push this point hard for the next five years, if elected.”

I voted against property tax and business rates and in my opinion USC was a contract with the people from 2011 to 2016 and should have been abolished then. There are far too many different taxes and we need to lobby at Council level to get the Government to

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Catriona Durning, David Moore and Emma Wright at the Opening



Pictured at the officially Anne Marie Moore, Niall Moore, Gary Moore, Eileen Moore, Bridget Moore, Simon Moore, David Moore.

Official Opening of Moore's XL Dunfanaghy



Ann Marie and Gary Moore with Donal Kelly from XL



Margaret Doherty, Marion Wilkinson, Josephine Keaveney and Noreen Devine



Gary Moore and Anne Marie Rodgers



Special Guest Chelsea Evans and Josephine Keaveney



Corrine McGinley, Kathleen Gallagher and Tommy McGinley



Rosaleen McElhinney, Paula Sweeney, Aislin McElhinney



Robert Alcorn, Ally McKemey and Robbie Alcorn



Geraldine McGinley and Marion Wilkinson



Eileen Moore, Lily McElhinney, Roberta McGinley and Olive Alcorn enjoying the day.



Madge Barron with Grace Ann Doherty



Liam Gibson and Neil Gallagher at the Opening.



Bertha Campbell and Bernie Sweeney

Education Minister opens new buildings at Errigal College



Minister for Education, Norma Foley who officially opened Errigal College's new modular buildings on Friday with Janet McGeever, Evan Gorrell, and Rory McCrossan receiving a 3D printed harp in the STEM Lab. Photo Clive Wasson.



Minister for Education, Norma Foley officially opened Errigal College's new modular buildings in Windyhall, Letterkenny on Friday with Michael, Head Boy, Jo-Ann, Head Girl, Chi, Deputy Head Boy, Hazel Deputy Head Girl, Cllr. Donal Coyle, Chairman BOM, Danny McFadden, Principal. Photo Clive Wasson

Minister for Education, Norma Foley, officially opened Errigal College's new modular buildings in Windyhall, Letterkenny last Thursday. The two storey building, consists of seven classrooms and three SEN spaces. The single storey consists of three class-

rooms. All classrooms are designed to be multi-functional and cater to various subject and learning disciplines. They have been kitted out with state-of-the-art equipment to support the learning and teaching within the classroom.

Speaking at the opening, Donegal ETB Director of Schools Dr Martin Gormley said, "I acknowledge the support of the Minister and the Dept of Education officials in bringing this project to fruition. The enhanced facilities will further improve the teaching and learning

environment for our students and staff."

Principal of Errigal College, Mr. Danny McFadden said, "Today was an opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful students and school. We promote equality of opportunity for all,

unrestricted by background, ability, language or gender. We know that opportunity creates success, and we are fortunate to have the expertise and facilities to provide opportunities to all our students."

Norma Foley said, "It is an honour to be here today to official-

ly open Errigal College's new modular building comprising ten classrooms and SEN spaces. I know the opening of these fine facilities will see students continue to thrive." she added, "I want to thank all the staff for the wonderful work that they do every day."



Minister for Education, Norma Foley officially opening Errigal College's new modular buildings in Windyhall, Letterkenny on Friday with guests, students and teachers. Photo Clive Wasson

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

Disappointing trip south for Harps

Kerry FC 2-0 Finn Harps
Kerry FC were back at home on Friday night as they took on Finn Harps who made the long trip down to Mounthawk Park from Ballybofey. Harps made the return journey in the one day and were without captain Tony McNamee who got married on Saturday.

The last time Kerry faced Harps in the league it was a nil-all draw in Finn Park with both sides pushing for the winner, but nothing came of any chances on the night. Subsequently, the last time they faced each other in Mounthawk Park, Finn Harps won it in the dying seconds through a late-headed winner from B.J Banda.

Kerry FC started on the front foot, and it only took them three minutes to get the first chance of the game. Valerii Dolia did great work on the left wing to create some space to pass the ball out to Kennedy Amechi who was in space and took the shot just outside the box. His shot was on target and looked like it could go into the bottom left corner, but Harps keeper Conor Walsh did well to get down and turn it away for a corner which subsequently came to nothing.

Kerry had another similar opportunity a few minutes later with Valerii Dolia getting the shot off this time but went over the crossbar. Finn Harps had no concrete chances of their own with most of their shots on goal trickling into the hands of Antonio Tuta, the former Harps goalkeeper.

The biggest chance of the half came from a well-worked cross from Daniel Okwute that reached the head of Ryan Kelliher. Kelliher's looping head-

er crashed off the top of the crossbar and was kept out by the Harps defence who cleared their lines in what would have been a great time to get the opening goal with only five minutes of the first half remaining. Kennedy Amechi had a chance to put the ball into a dangerous area just moments before the final whistle of the half, but the low cross was gathered by Walsh.

Kerry FC came into the game at the right time as they started to pile the pressure on Finn Harps and all they needed to do was capitalise on that and get themselves ahead but Harps held out til the interval.

Just ten minutes into the second half Kerry FC got their goal through Ryan Kelliher. The home side won a corner on the left side of the area which was swung in with pace and precision by Sean O'Connell. Ryan Kelliher made himself available with great movement in the area and headed the



Harps Ryan Rainey clears the ball against Kerry on Friday.

ball low and into the bottom right corner to give Kerry a deserving lead.

Daniel Okwute had the chance to put Kerry FC two goals ahead as his persistence allowed him to have a shot in the area thanks to a delicate free-kick into the box from Sean O'Connell. Unfortunately, Okwute had too much power on his shot as it went sailing over the crossbar. Persistence was something Daniel

Okwute always shows in abundance and allowed him to get his goal two minutes after his missed opportunity due to a calamity by the Harps defence. Valerii Dolia gave a great inside pass to Sean McGrath who crossed the ball low into the six-yard box. Okwute miss kicked his shot but luckily for him, Finn Harps defender Shane McMonagle tried to clear the ball away from danger but instead hit it straight off Okwute whose block saw the ball go into the back of the net giving Ker-

ry FC some breathing space.

Sean McGrath, who played his part in the second goal, nearly got a goal of his own as Ryan Kelliher dispossessed Shane McMonagle giving Sean McGrath a clear run in on goal. Conor Walsh made himself big as he kept the ball away from goal with a tremendous save.

Kerry FC - Antonio Tuta, Kevin Williams, Ethan Kos, Andy Spain (C), Sean O'Connell, Daire McCarthy, Sean McGrath, Kennedy Amechi, Valerii Dolia, Ryan Kelliher (Goal '55), Daniel Okwute (Goal '63).

Subs: Aaron O'Sullivan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Graham O'Reilly, Nathan Gleeson, Steven Healy, Victor Udeze, Finn Barrett, Evison Rramani, Cian Brosnan.

Finn Harps - Conor Walsh, Jamie Watson, Noe Baba, Patrick Ferry, Success Edugon, Ryan Rainey (C), Luke O'Brien, Shane McMonagle, Max Johnston, Sean O'Donnell, Stephen Doherty.

Subs: Tim-Oliver Hiemer, Darragh Coyle, Chris Lotefa, Aaron McLaughlin, Gavin McAteer.

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 23rd May. The numbers drawn were 15, 25, 26, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 30th May and the jackpot is €10,000.

There was one match 3 winner this week winning €200 - Kym & Finn Doherty, Ballybofey. Enter today via finnharps.ie

ICE Award for Boyle Construction

Boyle Construction of Treagh were the winners of the 2024 Healthcare Project at the ICE Awards in the Convention Centre, Dublin on Friday night. The €30m project for the South Donegal Community Nursing Unit in Ballyshannon was their winning project at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards.

A great night was had by the Boyle team at the Gala Ball where the MC was Ireland's Queen of Comedy Deirdre O'Kane. Three members of Boyle Construction had to travel to Dublin earlier this year to pitch their case to the judges during an interview.

The Client was the HSE and the Design Team were Rhatigan Architects; the Structural Civil Engineer was Roughan O'Donovan and the Service Engineers were Varming Consulting Engineers. The Project was challenging and multi-faceted containing Modular construction of Wards and Refurbishment of the Rock Hospital, complete strip out, and fit-out of the Sheil Hospital. Complete new 80-bed CNU and extensive external works adjacent to the river Erne.

The technicalities of this project were many and included: Asbestos removal, demolitions to a listed structure, knotweed contamination, archaeology finds, 5-metre-deep excavations under the 150 year old Sheil hospital, piling, soil nailing and shotcreting. Full renovation of a listed building, underpinning, roof replacement and all completed during the Covid pandemic and



Members of Boyle Construction and Design Teams with the ICE Healthcare Award for 2024 - from left Kevin Gallagher (Boyle Construction), Ian Pudney (Rhatigan Architects), Shaun Sweeney (Boyle Construction), Martin Callaghan (Boyle Construction), Tanya Russell, (Boyle Construction), Andrew Thomson (ROD Consulting Engineers), Michael Boyle (Boyle Construction), Gail Carson (Boyle Construction), Gavin Phelan (Rhatigan Architects) and Seamus McGlynn (Boyle Construction).

the inflation crisis. Technology contributed to the successful delivery in key roles of the development with the most up to date methods extensively utilised. Safety was paramount – core values were on show daily, engagement of the workforce was key; seminars for all on mental health, and a safety culture on site that resulted in no reportable accidents over a Project in excess of 500,000

man hours. The Project would not have been completed as successfully as it was without the excellent working relationships between the stakeholders, the Design Team, Boyle Construction, the subcontractors and employees which allowed all parties to work together for the betterment of the project and resulted in a building of the highest quality.

Change Starts in Your local Community - Doherty

Maria Doherty, SF Local Election Candidate for the Milford LEA, has said that this year's local and European Elections are taking place at a time when Ireland is facing many challenges – an ongoing housing crisis, a health service that is at breaking point and a cost-of-living crisis. These elections are an opportu-

nity for people to have their say on the change they want to see. We have a government that is out of touch, that doesn't understand the challenges workers and families are facing, doesn't have the ideas or the capacity to fix them, and doesn't give our local Councils the resources and the funds to

deliver for communities. Change starts in your local community, if I am elected as a councillor for the Milford LEA I will work hard for you to make sure that Donegal County Council works better for you. Better delivery of social and affordable housing. Better delivery of local

services and amenities. Better maintenance of our roads and making our streets safer. Donegal County Councils will be crucial to delivering affordable homes for workers and families under a Sinn Féin led government. That is why a vote for



Making your Council work better for you; consulting, listening, and delivering for the community. Tackling red tape and delays at local authority level, particularly in relation to planning and the delivery of housing and infra-

structure. Getting local Councils back doing the things they once did well including them maintenance of roads, delivering local services - including waste services, cleaning our streets, and delivering and maintaining homes for which they are responsible. Supporting communities working hard to improve their local areas by investing in public spaces, leisure and sports facilities, transport infrastructure and the local environment.

My commitment to you is that we will make sure your voice is heard at the local level. Politics works best when decisions are taken closest to those impacted and when the views of communities are heard. I will make it my business to ensure that your Council delivers for you such as putting the delivery of social and affordable housing back at the top of the Council agenda.



Shaun Friel from America a grandson of Charlie Friel from Termon pictured at the family home in Termon with cousins last week in a reunion organised by Seimi Friel.



Cllr. John O'Donnell presenting the Kilmacrennan Under 12 B team with a new set of jerseys for the coming season.

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The late Seán McGettigan, Kerrykeel



The funeral of Seán McGettigan, late of Ranny, Kerrykeel, and formerly Glenvar took place on Wednesday. He passed away on Sunday aged 71. Sean was a very well-known figure and ran McGettigan's Bar in Kerrykeel for many years. His funeral Mass heard Fr. Martin Collum, PP Rathmullan, said this was a local "institution" that was part of the "social fabric" of Kerrykeel after he took over the business in 1984. He later became the bar and restaurant manager of Portsalon Golf Club in 2006 and was regarded by all as a warm, friendly person who made time for a chat with everyone. He was born in Glenvar on August 28th, 1952 and was one of a family of 13 children born to John and Madge McGettigan. He went to school locally before going to St Eunan's College in Letterkenny and later Loreto in Milford. He went from there to study in the Regional College in Letterkenny and qualified as laboratory technician. From there he worked in University College Galway for a number of years. It was dur-

ing this time he met Maureen and they married in Sligo in 1978. He was also passionate about the sea and loved fishing. Paying tribute a statement from Portsalon Golf Club said: "All connected to Portsalon Golf Club were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Seán McGettigan on Sunday. After a long and distinguished time spent in his own bar in Kerrykeel, Seán took over the licence in our club bar and restaurant in 2006. For the best part of a decade thereafter, he was to become the friendly and welcoming face of our club. Seán made it his business to know our members, always inquisitive as to the success or otherwise of their golfing endeavours, but keen also to let them know that win or lose, there was a warm welcome upstairs for them. For our visiting golfers, Seán epitomised the Irish 'céad míle fáilte' spirit. Nothing was ever too much bother and anything could be managed. Whether it was a drink late at night or a breakfast early in the morning, it could all be done with a nod of the head. In the years since he left the post, Seán's love of Portsalon was clear as he was a consistent visitor, still keen to see old friends and make new ones. The memories of his annual golf classic will live a long time for those who played. The golf was secondary to the banquet buffet that followed for all players, when anything and everything was on the extensive menu." They added their sincere sympathies to Seán's family and friends. He is survived by his wife Maureen, daughter Deborah, son Adrian, daughter-in-law Jane Ann, grandson Tadhg, brothers Cathal, Seamus, Desmond, Donal and Enda, sisters Marie Coll, Sheila McGinley, Nora Megaughin, Anne Gallagher, Patricia Turner, Sophia Gilchrist and Catriona Davies, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Requiem Mass was on Wednesday in St Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, celebrated by Fr Martin Collum with burial afterwards in Glenvar Cemetery. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Death of Eddie McFadden



The death has occurred of Eddie McFadden, late of The Mall, Ballyshannon and formerly of Kerrykeel. He passed away suddenly on Saturday. Many tributes have been paid to a "total gentleman" and he was remembered as a dedicated family man. Fishing was a great passion of his and he enjoyed nothing more than fishing lakes and the Erne estuary with his friends. He also was a keen golfer.

He was a former member of An Garda Síochana and well-known in both his home area of Kerrykeel and Ballyshannon where his many friends and neighbours mourned his passing. Predeceased by his wife Ann, his sons Patrick and Shaun, his parents Pat and Ellen and brother Hugh, he is survived by his children Elaine (John), Breege, Joanne (Gavin), Enda (Aveen) and Adrian, his grandchildren Emma, Abigail, Jamie and Jack, brothers Patrick and John, sisters Marian and Eileen, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and all extended family and friends. His remains are reposing at his late residence in Ballyshannon from Wednesday

Removal takes place on Thursday morning, May 30th, going to St. Patrick's Church, Ballyshannon for 11am Funeral Mass with burial afterwards in The Abbey Cemetery. House Private on the morning of the funeral please. Funeral Mass can be viewed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/st-patricksballyshannon>

Ceiligh dancing
Two hand ceiligh dancing in Fana-volty Hall on Tuesday 4th June at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome for a good night's enjoyment and exercise.

Vintage Day in Kerrykeel
The Annual Kerrykeel Vintage Day will be held in the Church Grounds in Kerrykeel on Saturday the 8th of June from 12noon. On the day there will be vintage cars and tractors, stationary engines, petting zoo and Alpacas, rare breeds of sheep, face painting, buttermaking, wood carving and the juggling duo will be on display. There will also be a display of station-

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 Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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**Seafood Linguine**  
 Steak Burger or Chicken Burger (Bacon, Cheese, Onion and Relish) on a Brioche Bap served with Chips  
 Fish & Chips  
 Cajun Chicken Pasta...Garlic Bread

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DESSERTS

Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice	Pavlova
Cream & Cream & Custard	Ice Cream...Butter Scotch Sauce
Carageen...Cream & Ice Cream	
Jelly & Ice Cream	Tea / Coffee
Chocolate Fudge Cake	NO SPLIT BILLS

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Special thanks to everyone who supported and donated Emma and Cora's recent Tea Party. The girls are pictured presenting the total raised €3520 to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust 173 Donegal Branch. Thanks to Ciaran at the Old School Community Centre, everyone who baked treats, the musicians for keeping everyone entertained and anyone who helped out in any way.



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Cancer Society Elizabeth and Valerie Gallagher would like to thank everyone for their valued support. Thanks to the schools, shops and Post Offices who sold daffodils on our behalf. Thanks to Blaney's Kerrykeel and Maple, Milford for giving permission to sell on the day, and Clondavoddock Parish for the use of the Hall in Tamney. Finally thank you the community for donating by buying produce. A grand total of €5412.73 for the Irish Cancer Society.



Martin Kerr represented Ireland at the European Masters Mountain Running and Road and Cross Country Championships in Portugal last week where he won 3 team medals and one individual bronze in the 10km on the road. A member of Milford AC, the Club Senior (left) and Juvenile Athletes (above) made a presentation on Tuesday evening at training to mark his achievements.

Portsalon Golf Club

mixed weekend for Portsalon's teams in inter-club action. On Friday evening the Flogas Mixed Foursomes team were beaten against Dunmurray and on Saturday the Mixed 4Ball team beat Ballyliffin 4-0 under the tutelage of Sean Barrett and Roisin McCormack.

Donegal Seniors, led by DP Logue on Sunday took home four matches from five in their first leg in Dunfanaghy.

Jimmy Bruen team captained by Enda McElhinney emerged victorious over Bushfoot GC, with Shane Sandilands and Eamonn McConigley securing an all-important half point in Antrim to win 2.5 to 1.5 overall.

The ladies Revive team are playing Royal Portrush in their first round on the Dunluce course on 8th June.

Results

Wednesday 22nd May 1st Tony Kingston (20) 39pts; 2nd Kevin Boyce (7) 36pts; Gross: Sean Hensey (4) 33 pts; Ciaran McCormick (7) 37pts

Saturday 25th May; 1st Vincent Bradley (27) -40pts; 2nd Mark Cohen (19) - 38 pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (Scr) 34 gross pts; 3rd Gareth McLarnon (12) 38pts

Sunday 26th May - 1st Paul Gallagher (10) 66 nett. 2nd Hugh McGinley (20) 67 nett; Gross: Paul Whorton (3) - 71 gross; Paul Murray (14) 69 nett.

Ladies Beginners Evening

Lady Captain Noreen was delighted to welcome 25 ladies to the Ladies Taster Evening introduction to golf on Friday night. New ladies are most welcome, even if you missed the taster night. Call 087 296 6164, or just come along for 6pm on the night.

Lady Captain's Outing

Dunfanaghy Golf Club will host the ladies on Saturday 1st of June for Lady Captain Noreen's outing.

Mr Captain's Prize to the Ladies

Mr Captain Pat Horner will hold his Prize to the Ladies on Friday June 28th.

The May medal was won by Ita Ward with a very impressive 68.

Letterkenny

Tom McDonagh's Ulster Senior team were beaten on Sunday against Faughan Valley. Letterkenny team was Keith Spence, Danny McLaughlin, Henry McCahey, Noel Duggan, Oisín Harkin, Pat Keating, Enda Mannion

and Eugene McKeever.

The Ulster Fourball team captained by Chris Nee played Manor House, Derry, and recorded an impressive victory, winning all three matches at home and one away. The final result was 4 matches to 2 and the next round against Colin Valley must be completed by 14th of July.

The Donegal Seniors Under Barry Ramsey were defeated narrowly by Bundoran, final score was 5 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Cloughaneely

Congratulations to Owenie McGee's Ulster Seniors Team beating Portsalon on Sunday and face Strabane in the next round. Jimmy Bruen play Portstewart on Sunday at 2pm. Donegal Hospice 9 Hole 1st Neil McMullan 22pts, 2nd Tony Mulhern 21 points. €950 was raised for the Donegal Hospice.

Friday 9 Hole - 1st Michael McHugh 18 (32). Weekend Open Stroke - 1st Paul Ferry 66 BOT (19); 2nd Neil McMullan 66 (19); 3rd Caolan McNulty 68 (36).

The Club Development Fund Golf Classic, on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June. The entry fee is €120 for a team of 4 people including a burger. Timesheet is now open.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

Drumhallagh Lr Td, Rathmullan

I Martin T Sheridan am applying for retention of existing ground floor sliding doors on bedroom of front elevation and conservatory on first floor from open plan to sealed in area (17.31m2) and alterations on side and rear elevations from doors to windows from that shown on original planning ref. No. 05/7322 refers at Drumhallagh Lower Td, Rathmullan Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Drumhallagh Lr Td, Rathmullan

I Ursula Sheridan am applying for retention of existing large lounge window (3.55m x 1.45m) on front elevation and alterations on side and rear elevations from doors to windows and window to door from that shown on original planning ref No 05 / 7322 at Drumhallagh Lower Td, Rathmullan Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Main Street, Dunfanaghy

I, Sean McFadden applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: (1) Demolition of existing "Willows" B&B building and construction of duplex units containing 2no. apartments on ground floor and 2no. dwellings on first & second floors (Total No. of Units =4) for Self-Catering Accommodation. (2) All associated site works to include revised car-parking, stepped and ramped access from parking area to proposed building. (3) New connections to existing services including on-site pre-treatment waste water system at Main Street, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal in the townland of Dunfanaghy. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council

Leabranagh, Arranmore Island

I, Ronan Farrell am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish an existing dwelling house and erect a replacement dwelling house with new connection to existing septic tank and all other associated site development works at Leabranagh, Arranmore Island, County Donegal in the townlands of Leabranagh and Plughoge. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Glennmenagh, Glen, Carrigart

I, Bryan Curran am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Glennmenagh, Glen, Carrigart, County Donegal in the townland of Glennmenagh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Calhame, Mountain Top, Letterkenny
I, George McDermott am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and including all other site development works at Calhame, Mountain Top, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Calhame or Fallard. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Calhame, Mountain Top, Letterkenny
I, Margaret Ford am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and including all other site development works at Calhame, Mountain Top, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Calhame or Fallard. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Ballina, Falcarragh

I, Sean McGee am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission at Ballina, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of planning permission to erect a storage shed with all associated siteworks. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

ford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council

Bridge Street, Ramelton

I, Ravi Annamalai am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for alterations & extension to existing dwelling house at Bridge Street, Ramelton, Co. Donegal. The proposed development involves works to a protected structure. RPS Reg. No. 40800412. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council

Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick, Termon, Letterkenny

I, Kieran Gallagher, on behalf of CLG An Tearmann, am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to: 1. Retain existing site development works. 2. Reconfigure carpark layout previously permitted under Ref. 19/51191; 3. Extend carpark previously permitted under Ref. 19/51191; 4. Construct a new overspill carpark; 5. Modify existing entrance to provide safer access/exit for vehicles & pedestrians; 6. Construct a new 4m high RC ball wall; 7. Construct a new machinery storage shed; 8. All other associated works at Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick, Termon, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townlands of Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

We, Canon Dr. Jonathon & Gillian Barry are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish existing boat house, construct detached building to provide self-contained residential accommodation solely for our family use ancillary to the enjoyment of existing dwelling house on site with connection to the public sewer at Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Downies. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the

In Memoriam



McElwee Assumpta
27th Anniversary



Murphy Geraldine
14th Anniversary

Treasured memories of our dear sisters Assumpta McElwee and Geraldine Murphy.

*Your memories are so precious
Your presence missed so much
You will always be remembered
and loved by all of us.*

*Will those who think of them today
a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on their souls, Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.

Loved and missed by all your family.

Anniversary Masses were offered.



O'Donnell Eddie
31st Anniversary

Treasured memories of a much loved husband, father and grandfather who died on 2nd June 1993.

*A life is not measured by how long you live, it's the person you are and all that you give
Your generous nature, your heart of gold
Are the memories of you that will never grow old
You were always so happy your smile touched us all
We know we will meet again, when God gives us our call.*

Sadly missed by your wife Anne, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in Kilmacrennan Chapel on Saturday 1st June at 6.00pm.



Wilkin Bobbie Churchill
13th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Bobbie who passed away on the 31st May 2011.

*Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way
Not only on your anniversary but every single day.*

Always remembered by your loving wife Tillie and family.



Rodgers James 'Sonny' Gortamore, Downings
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of Sonny Rodgers, a much loved and missed husband, father and grandfather who passed away on 5th June 2010.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Sincerely missed by your wife Teresa, daughters Maureen and Anne, grandchildren Holly, India, Mevagh and Conal.



McHugh Charlotte Labadotte / Belfast
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a beautiful mother, daughter, sister, auntie and grand daughter Charlotte who died on the 1st June 2021.

*I wish I could see you one more time come walking through the door
But I know that is impossible,
I will hear your voice no more
I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry
Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die.*

*I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through
As I struggle with the heartache that came when I lost you.*

Always loved, cherished and remembered by your beautiful daughters Kianna - Mai, Darc Rose, son Tyler - Lee, nephew Noah, your Mum and Dad, brothers Joseph, Shaun, David and Christopher, stepdad Walker, and all your extended family and friends.



O'Donnell Eddie Kilmacrennan
31st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on 2nd June 1993.
Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.

*Beautiful thoughts of a brother and uncle so dear
Cherished forever with love sincere
Dear is your memory, sweet is your name
Close to our hearts you will always remain.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your brothers, sister, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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In Memoriam



Crerand
Keadue, Ramelton
28th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather Gordon who died on 5th June 1996.

Our hearts are filled with memories With pride we speak your name Though life goes on without you Nothing is the same.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Mary and daughters and families in Milford, England, Ray, Ramelton and Galdonagh, Manorcunningham and Leiter.



Doherty
Kathleen Ballyboe, Rathmullan
31st May 2019
5th Anniversary

Though her smile has gone forever and her hand I cannot touch I still have so many memories of the one I loved so much Her memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has her in His keeping, I have her in my heart.

Sadly missed by your loving family, your husband Neil, your daughters Shannon and Keelin, your son Niall and their families.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Sunday 2nd June at 9.00am.



Doherty
Michael Downings
35th Anniversary

In loving memory of Michael who died on the 1st June 1989

This day is remembered and quietly kept No words are needed, we shall never forget For those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen and unheard, but always near So loved, so missed, and so very dear.

Always loved and sadly missed by Dad, Seamus, Marie, Yvonne, Fiona, Shaun, Mairead, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews and nieces.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 1st June in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6.00pm.

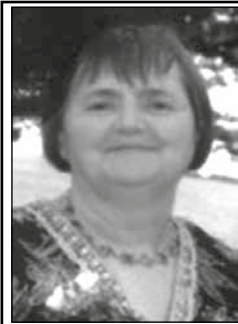


Hughes
Rebecca Mary Ramelton
10th Anniversary

Special memories of our dear sister May who died 31st May.

Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard always near Still loved still missed and very dear

Always remembered with love by brothers, sisters and families.



Hughes
Rebecca Mary Ramelton
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife who passed away on 31st May 2014.

I thought of you today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and days before that too I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part God has you in His arms I have you in my heart.

Sadly missed from your husband David.

Mum We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain

To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again So Rest In Peace dear Mother and thanks for all you've done We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your son Alastair, daughter in law Martisha, granddaughters Ailbhe, Eimear and Sorcha.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to me" With tearful eyes we watched and saw you pass away Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay A golden heart stopped beating hardworking hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Forever loved and sadly missed by David Jnr and Lesley.

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small To have you as our mother was the greatest gift of all A special time a special love a special Mum we can't replace With aching hearts we whisper low we miss you Mum and love you so

Forever loved and sadly missed by Ian and Joy.



Loughrey
John Glencross, Rathmullan
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband who died 2nd June 2019

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too I think of you in silence, I often speak your name All I have are the memories and your picture in a frame Remembering you is easy, as I do it every day It's the heartache of losing you that will never go away Your memory is my keepsake from which I'll never part God may have you in his keeping but I will keep you in my heart.

Loved always and still sadly missed by your loving wife Mary.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 8th June in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 7pm.



Montgomery
Stephen
1st Anniversary

Quietly today your memory is kept No need for words we will never forget.

From uncles John and Victor, Forquar, Milford.

Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today.

From Rita and all your cousins, Forquar, Milford.

You always had a smile to share a laugh, a joke and time to care A wonderful nature warm and true these are the memories we have of you.

Always remembered and sadly missed by the Hughes family, Ramelton.

Tel. 074 91 53600

McDaid

Cissie (Martha) Main Street, Ramelton
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of Mum.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here A silent thought a little prayer for someone special in your care.

Sadly, missed by son, Dominic, daughter-in-law Kathleen, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure You may be out of sight, we may be worlds apart But you are always in our prayers and forever in our hearts.

Always remembered by daughter-in-law Kathleen, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

You gave us all you had to give, gifts both big and small But most of all you gave us love, the greatest gift of all Will those who think of her today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Forever loved and remembered by your daughter Jean and son-in-law Brian.

A loving nature, a heart of gold The very best the world could hold Never selfish, always kind These are the memories you left behind. A silent thought, a quiet prayer for a special person in God's care. We miss you every day, Mother. Rest in Peace.

Always remembered and sadly missed by daughter Catriona and son-in-law Eamon.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 8th June at 6.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.



Montgomery
Stephen
1st Anniversary

Precious memories of Stephen a loving husband and father.

Our lives go on without you but nothing is the same We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name Sad are the hearts that love you silent the tears that fall but living without you is the hardest part of all

Those special years will not return when we were all together But with the love within our hearts you will walk with us forever.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Doreen and daughter Clara.

Precious memories of my dear son Stephen who was taken from us on 29th May

Words cannot describe the loss I feel having to part with you I wish we could have had more days of laughter and fun Forever would not be long enough but I would take one day to see your happy smile and laugh with you again Gone too soon but never forgotten forever you will remain My guiding light, my shining star until we meet again.

Loved and so missed every day Mum xx

In loving memory of our dear wonderful brother, brother-in-law, uncle and godfather Stephen.

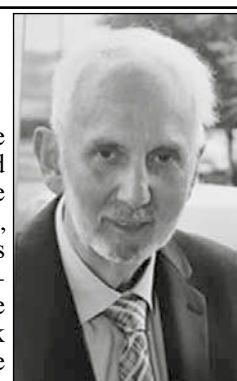
You are in all our hearts with love forever and we will carry you with us every day Your stories, wisdom, smiles and laughter are so greatly missed and always remembered. Rest easy brother until we meet again.

With love from your five brothers, three sisters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, godson and great-nieces.

Acknowledgement

McBrearty

Joey Letterkenny



We the family of the late Joey McBrearty would like to express gratitude to our extended family, friends and neighbours who supported us during Joey's illness. We would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss, those who attended the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, those who travelled near and far to be with us, we extend sincere thanks to Monsignor Kevin Gillespie for celebrating Joey's Requiem Mass, attending interment and graveside prayers. Thanks to all those who gave Mass cards, sympathy cards, flowers, messages of condolences on R.I.P.ie and beautiful tributes on "Animals in Need" Facebook page as well as those who gave donations in lieu of flowers. Thank you to Lisa Philbin for the beautiful music and hymns. We extend sincere thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for their dignified manner in carrying out the funeral arrangements also the gravediggers who prepared Joey's place of rest.

We express our gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff at Letterkenny University Hospital, also all the staff in St. Joseph's Community Hospital. Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our gratitude. Sleeping St. Joseph pray for him

Joey's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 1st June at 10am in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

Dixon

Ellen



We, John and Angela husband and daughter of the late Ellen Dixon who died on the 28th of April would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible support and condolences we've received following our recent loss.

We deeply thank all our family, friends and neighbours, those who travelled to be with us, for their attendance and support during the difficult time. We are truly grateful for the kind individuals who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial, to those who were unable to attend but who had us in their thoughts and those who watched the funeral online.

Thank you to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, sent messages, made calls, left online tributes, brought flowers, food and refreshments. Thank you to all the staff of Surgical 1 in Letterkenny University Hospital who cared for Ellen and a special thank you to Father Shane Gallagher for attending to Ellen's spiritual needs in hospital, thank you to all the staff at Falcarragh Health Centre and to all the staff at Flynn's Pharmacy, Falcarragh.

Our sincere thank you to Father John Boyle for his comforting presence and prayers during the wake and for officiating the beautiful funeral Mass. We would like to thank Paul Gallagher who read the 1st and 2nd readings, Claire Lochrie, Pamela Duffy, Mary Hennessey and Bernadette Hennessey O'Boyle for the prayers of the faithful and to Grace Whoriskey and Margaret Anne Whoriskey who brought the gifts to the altar.

We extend our appreciation to Maeve and Denis Herry of Gallagher Funeral Directors, Gortahork for their expert management of all funeral arrangements and their compassionate guidance throughout this challenging process and to Bridget Sweeney for the music. Our gratitude also goes to the grave diggers Adrian Cannon and Paul Coyle for their assistances. We would like to thank Ostain Loch Altan for providing food after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Ellen's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 9th of June in St. Fionan's Church, Falcarragh at 11am.

may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council Magheradrumman Td, Fanad North

We Ronan and Wendy McElwaine are applying to Donegal County Council for full planning permission to erect extension onto rear of existing dwelling and use of existing services at Magheradrumman Td, Fanad North, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application

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Creelough

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Paddy and Mary Coll, Massinass on the death of Paddy's sister, Sheila McGrath, Glencar Road, Letterkenny on May 18th in Beaumont Hospital. Following the funeral Mass celebrated in St. Eunan's Cathedral by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Sheila was laid to rest in Conwal cemetery. Sheila was predeceased by her husband Sean and daughter Noreen. Sympathy is extended to her family Marian, Una, Shaun and Brenda, sons-in-law and daughter-in-law, grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

The late Margaret Wilkinson

Feelings of sympathy were felt in the community on the death of Margaret Ann Wilkinson (nee McGinley), Townparks, Convoy Road, Raphoe and formerly of Gortnalake, Creelough. Mass was celebrated in St. Eunan's Church, Raphoe on Friday morning. The main celebrant was Fr. Eamonn Kelly assisted by Canon Denis Mc Gettigan, Archdeacon William McMenamin and Fr John Joe Duffy. In his homily Fr Kelly talked about "Margaret's gift of faith and accepting the ups and downs of life. We are sorry that her time amongst us

has come to an end."

Margaret's three grandchildren presented gifts in remembrance of their Granny at the Altar - Teas Bags as she always had the cup of tea to offer, a Donegal Jersey and an Apron showing her love of cooking. Many will remember Margaret working in the Doe Co-op and her kindness and courtesy to everybody. The final prayers were recited by Fr. John Joe and Margaret was laid to rest in Doe cemetery. Sympathy is extended to her husband Neil Joseph, sons Paul and Niall and daughter Anne, daughters-in-law Samantha and Brenda, grandchildren Áine, Cara, Mark, Clíodhna and Conor, relatives, friends and neighbours.

The late Martin McNeela

The death has taken place of Martin McNeela, Donaghmede, Dublin, formerly of Creelough and late of The Irish Times. Martin's late father Sgt McNeela was stationed here and was instrumental in the setting up of St. Michael's Club. He continued to be a regular visitor to the area and the family donated the McNeela Cup to be played for at the Parish League. Sympathy is extended to Martin's wife Linda and son, Kevin, daughter Elaine, son-in-law Brian, grandson Con, brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, a large circle of friends and neighbours. Mass was celebrated in the

Church of the Holy Trinity, Donaghmede, followed by Burial in Balgriffin Cemetery. Glassan NS Tractor Run Thanks

Míle buíochas le achan nduine a thug ta-caíocht don 'tractor run' inniu, do McGettigan Butchers a thug urraíocht borgoirí and do Liam as Braai a rinne an coicireacht agus do The Happy Camper agus an Coffee Pod thug duaiseanna. Maith sibh uilig!

Furniture & Jumble Sale

Creelough Community Association would like to thank everyone who supported the recent sale in the Cope Yard. Thank you to everyone who donated furniture and bric-a-brac for sale and also cash donations. Thanks to all our loyal helpers, the men who collected and delivered furniture, the ladies doing the setting up and selling and to our ticket seller for organising the raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners. The next project will be the planting of village pots.

St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 3,4,8,11,13,16. The match 5 winner was Emma Corcoran, Dunfanaghy who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €6700.

Donegal Camino

Registration is now open for anyone who would like to take part in this year's Donegal Camino. The 7-day walking festival is on from the 1st to the 7th of September, with 7 different vibrant walks and hikes planned across Donegal.

All details of the Donegal Camino 2024 itinerary, accommodation and dining, along with how to register and fundraise are on www.donegalcamino.ie.

Retreat

5-Day Silent Guided Biospiritual Focusing Retreat from this Friday the 31st May - Wednesday 5th June) - In this guided retreat, we will explore the practice of BioSpiritual Focusing as based on the work of Eugene Gendlin and Fr. Pete Campbell and Fr. Ed McMahon. Facilitators: John Keane and Fr. Philip Baxter Phone: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

Community Links Hub

The Creelough Community Links Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm and offers a variety of classes and groups. Please reach out to info@creeloughcommunity.com or 087 292 3102 for more information or to register for a course/ class.



Charlie Gallagher, Letterkenny Historical Society, presenting 6th class, Ballymore NS, with their prize from a recent photography competition.

Anniversary walk to remember Stephen

This Sunday, June 2nd, a special walk will take place in memory of the late Stephen Montgomery. Stephen from Ballymore died following a workplace incident while clearing rock in west Donegal on May 29th, 2023.

A popular figure in the community, now his family and friends are preparing to hold a special walk for all ages to remember him at the time of his 1st anniversary. They will also unveil a lovely new bench in his

honour. Organisers stated: "The family and friends of Stephen Montgomery will hold a memorial walk to mark the 1st anniversary of his death. On Sunday June 2nd walker's will gather at Ballymore Hall at 12.30pm for a short walk or longer walk if anyone wishes to do so, and also the unveiling of a bench in memory of Stephen. Tea and refreshments will be served afterwards in Ballymore church hall. Everyone is very welcome".



Commemorative bench in memory Charlie Robinson unveiled



Mary Robinson tries out the bench with six of her children (back row from left) Boyd, Stephen and Philip, (front row) Anne, Catherine and Emma.

A commemorative bench in memory of local businessman Charlie Robinson was unveiled in a ceremony on Portnablagh Pier on Saturday. The event was organised by Mr Robinson's family, with Boyd Robinson, who runs the Letterkenny-based estate agency set up by his father more than 25 years ago, acting as MC.

Charlie Robinson, whose career spanned farming, auctioneering and estate agency, died in Donegal Hospice last November and May 24th would have been his 74th birthday. The bench was unveiled by Mr Robinson's widow Mary and her two oldest grandchildren, Hannah Robinson and Adam McKinley. Boyd Robinson thanked everyone for attending and said they appreciated the support of all the family's friends. He said they felt that Portnablagh Pier was an appropriate location for the bench, given his father's love of the sea, boating and fishing.

The family's holiday home overlooks the pier and Mr Robinson often organised fishing trips on board his Boston Whaler boat.

Local resident Dessie Nairn paid tribute to Charlie and recalled many happy fishing expeditions over the years. He said Charlie was the "unofficial harbour master" at Portnablagh and always kept a watchful eye on boats at anchor in the harbour and out at sea.

On numerous occasions he had helped to rescue boats which were in danger or trouble.

He also noted Mr Robinson's tendency to exaggerate things, recalling that his description of a pod of dolphins in the bay had started at 20 but increased to 50 by the time they were back at Portnablagh! Appropriately the inscription on the bench reads: "Sit down and tell a story - exaggeration compulsory".

Following the ceremony refreshments were served by the Robinson family in the family's house on Shore Road, and many happy memories were shared by those present.



The commemorative bench at Portnablagh Pier

Congratulations to Jim and the Donegal Team on their Ulster success and best wishes to them this weekend in Cork.

from Councillor Michael McClafferty

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Bhéinn buíoch as bhur dtacaíocht. Dhéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall cuidiú leis an phobail.

Vote Number 1
or highest preference



Local Showjumper Ailish McBride competed at the Balmoral Show on Friday 17th May in the "5 year old Star Of the Future" class that she had previously qualified at Gransha Equestrian. Tek Time Captain Cruise jumped a lovely clear round.



Mary Robinson with her two oldest grandchildren Hannah Robinson and Adam McKinley.



A Section of the crowd at the unveiling of the Bench on Saturday at Portnablagh Pier

Dunfanaghy

Golf Classic

CLG Naomh Mícheál are holding a Golf Classic at Dunfanaghy Golf Club on this Bank Holiday Monday the 3rd June. Teams of 4 €120 per team. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place and for the Longest Drive for Ladies and Gents and Nearest The Pin for Ladies and Gents. For information contact Mary in Dunfanaghy Golf Club on 0749136335. Thanks to our sponsors - Roses Bar, Wild Atlantic Camp, McGurk's Golf and HML.

Citizen Information Service

Citizen Information Service is available at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the next meeting on 11th June from 10-12noon. No booking necessary - drop in welcome.

Wellness Café

Wellness Café takes place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10.30am - 12noon at the Workhouse.

Counselling Services

Therapeutic Counselling for Adults, Children & Adolescence. Book via the Pastoral Centre - 074 9121853.

DLDC Employment Support

DLDC Employment Support can help long term unemployed to get back into full time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more. So if you wish to avail of our service: The Outreach Officer will be in attendance in The Family Resource Centre, Main Street, Dunfanaghy on Wednesday 5th June from 10.00pm - 12.00pm. No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Mary on 087 9926681. This Service is supported by DLDC and

is free and totally confidential.

St. Michael's Lotto

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50/50

Congratulations to Leo Harkin who won €370 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m.

The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground.

Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market continues under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm with a wide selection of home baking, hand-knits and crochet personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers.

Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz in Molly's Bar on this Thursday night the 30th of May in aid of the Festivals Committee.

Shop and Coffee Dock

The shop and coffee shop at Ards Friary are closed for renovations.

CARERS

Are you caring for someone? We are offering a free event for family carers who are looking after an older person at home. For Carers Week- Friday 14th June at The Shandon Hotel.

There will be First Aid/CPR with lunch provided, Raffle prizes and blood pressure check. Book Your Place Now. For further details or make an enquiry contact Diane Donnelly, Carer's Development/Dementia Officer/Programme Coordinator on: 0872770103 or email diane.donnelly@hse.ie.



Helping out at the Barbecue at the Glassan National School, Tractor Run on Sunday last and below are some of the participants.



Cloughaneely

Junior Band Notes

There was no jackpot winner last week and the winning numbers were 3-6-11-13-18-20. Mollie and Riley Malin won the €100 prize. This week's Jackpot will be €7500.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Pat Mc Fadden, Shroughan who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1006. Summer camp from 8th-26th July. Ages 4-12 years. For more information contact us on 0749165750 or email ionadnf@gmail.com.

Feast of Corpus Christi

On Sunday 2nd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi. As in previous years on this day, Mass will be celebrated on the Green on Ballina Estate at 11am. Please note that there will be no 11am Mass in St. Finians Church on that day.

Church Gate Collection

The Parents Association of Scoil Fhionnain will hold their annual Church Gate Collection will be held on Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd June. It's purpose is to raise funds to support the school and it's families by helping to pay for materials, activities and transport. All support gratefully accepted.

Coiste Glan agus Glas

Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee have submitted their entry for this year's Tidy Towns Committee - judging can take place any time from June until August. Every help in presenting our town at its best is appreciated. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur gcomhoibriú.

Biodiversity

Tá obair mhór ar siúl ag Coiste Glan agus Glas agus iad ag obair ar son an bitheagsúlacht. As quite a lot of the old trees in the garden below Strand Bar are diseased with Ash Dieback they will have

to be removed. This will take place within the next week or so. They will be replaced with new native trees, hedging / plants over a period of time.

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana AGM

Coiste Glan agus Glas Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee will hold their annual general meeting in the Shamrock Bar at 8pm on Monday 10th June.

Pobal Eascarrach

Play, Learning and Fun will take place for 6 Weeks from 24th of June to 2nd of August. You can pre-register at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdHZXRNF.../viewform...> Sport, Art, Karate, Nature, Friends, Fun, Music, Archery, Drama, Storytelling and much more. For children aged 4-12 years. 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. €50/Child per week. Family discount - second child €40, third child €35. Schools Art Competition - Cam-



Art Project at Lake House Nursing Home, Portnablagh.

Artist Mary Toland in collaboration with the Residents of Lake House Portnablagh undertook an Art Project for the Bealtaine National Arts & Creativity Day.

A tree of life idea was painted with leaves created by residents added to the Painting which was framed by Seamus Quinn with Sharon Liz Campbell organised the raffle to cover the costs and was won by Karen Alcorn.

Pictured are management, staff and residents with Artist Mary Toland at The Lake House, Portnablagh.



paí Samhraidh Eascarrach, Theme : A Summer Dream. Submit your artwork before 07/06/24 Prize: Three free places in Summer Camp, Week 1 For children aged 4 - 12 years 074 9180571 / 085 8670762 pobaleas@gmail.com **Dates for your Diary** Ballina Estate Mass - Sunday 2nd June, 11am. Graveyard Sunday - Sunday 4th June, 1pm. **Pobail Le Cheile** Come and get creative on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June at Garradh Cholmille Falcarragh.

These workshops will consist of directed exercises and free style work using different materials and techniques. Collage is a fun and playful creative way of doing art through cutting and pasting mainly paper but also other materials. Materials are provided, but kids can feel free to bring their own as well: old photos, magazines, books, etc. Instead of discarding them, we can recycle and re-imagine possibilities. On Saturday the workshop runs from 10am-2.30pm with a lunch break. On both days kids will need to bring their own packed lunch. On Sun-

day at 1.30pm families are welcome to come, have tea and coffee and have a look at the work that has been created. **FREE ART CLUB** for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmille. 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people. Booking on 086 455 7519 Introduction to Pranik Healing and Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system. **Thursday Café** Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.



Members of the Dunfanaghy Men's Shed pictured with Welly Holders that they made recently for the Dunfanaghy Playhouse and presenting the Well Holder to the Playhouse.

'No democracy in party politics' - Ann Sweeney

Ann Sweeney, the Dunfanaghy based Independent candidate in the local elections says she's asking for your vote because there is 'no democracy in party politics'.

She said: "I want to see an amalgamation of Independents coming together for the greater good on issue-based politics as opposed to party dictatorship. Donegal County Council has thirty-seven councillors. Three of these have been women. Two are not running again. To ensure that the issues of child-care, housing, crumbling homes, and children forced to live on the far side of the world are dealt with, we need more mothers and women to keep these agendas at the forefront of decision-making."

Creches

M/s Sweeney: "The influx of many other nationalities has created a new dynamic as they too have to choose a side. Pre-schoolers never get to continue these early years of friendships. Pre-school education and creche facilities should be provided as part of the normal early-year's education program and be free as it is in many other European countries. Most schools have plenty of surplus space."

Housing

The issue of housing in Donegal is not lack of it, but lack of affordable housing and lack of imagination in coming up with a scheme where the thousands of solid old home-steads are not being made available for young people starting out. Between Falcarragh and Dunfanaghy, close to the N56, there are in excess of thirty perfectly solid, non-defective block, derelict homes that could be made avail-

able for first-time buyers. A creative scheme needs to be devised whereby the owners of these properties are paid a tax-free amount to release the properties from their ownership, and the council makes stage-paid mortgages to indigent people in need of housing, who wish to return to their place of birth.

Mica

"Having spent the last fifteen years

unaccountable organisations out for one thing and one thing only. Our children are forced to live on the other side of the world due to the high cost of living and unaffordable housing. I say give everybody with an Irish passport in all elections the vote.

Such a brain drain of our most talented population would be able to contribute to the designing of a much better society in

Ireland.

Migrants

War and migrants are big business for the pen pushers and the military-industrial complex. FF, FG, and The Greens still have people in direct provision, twenty-five years since it began. How can we expect these political parties and the permanent government to effectively deal with the influx of migrants when there is no policy in place, even to house our own people? Corporate

Ireland in the form of hotels has been paid exorbitant

amounts decimating the tourist industry in cities, towns, and villages all over Ireland. We have a compassionate duty to those fleeing wars, but the economic benefit being reaped by these mainly off-shore corporate entities needs to be ended and people hosted by families to ensure proper inclusion and sustainable integration takes place.

For political party purposes, the FF government abolished rates in 1977 without any consideration of a substitute method of financing the local council. A new system of motor tax increases was implemented to fill the gap. As a result, local councils are starved of independent budgets for policies that the local constituents would like to see implemented."



Independent Candidate Ann Sweeney pictured out and about canvassing last week ahead of the up coming Council Election 2024.



Pictured are groups who took part in the Glassan National School, Tractor Run on Sunday afternoon.



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Housing

I propose local council take back control of housing at county level for construction, sale, and rental to anyone who wants a full-time home. Make the process possible.

Health

Letterkenny Hospital received a 75% increase in budget but yet no corresponding improvement in services. I want a full audit of the services and where the resources are going.

Carers

I will make self-directed care packages a priority. This means that money allocated to a nursing home can be allocated to the individual so that the elderly can have the dignity of being cared for at home.

Rural business

I will make putting supports in place including a review of rates for small businesses that are being decimated by online purchases a priority for Donegal County Council. This could be funded by taxing the online platforms.

Local government

I will find a mechanism to fund local government in a meaningful way so that income is assured and local communities are given the freedom to make their own decisions.

Immigration

The government's response to the refugee crisis is an issue. As is their mishandling of housing delivery, church redress, healthcare delivery, Limerick University investment game, the Peter McVerry Trust, RTE and An Garda Síochána. Vote for anyone as long as they are not FF, FG or the Greens.

Declining birth rate

One of the unspoken biggest issues in Irish society is the falling birth rate. This is a result of young people being shut out of the housing market and forced to live in an unaffordable society. I will make affordable living a priority for our youth.

Employment review

It is a fantasy that there is full employment in Donegal. People are caught in a poverty trap. Unemployment levels are in excess of 50%. The issues causing this need to be addressed which is health, housing, and education.

Farming

I will promote regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, water solutions and a green economy. I will aim to reduce the food miles so that in the event of another pandemic we are locally food secure.

Childcare

Childcare should be part of the primary school education system. I will work with Donegal County Council to prioritise the development of state-provided childcare.

Mica

Self-regulation of the quarry sector is a cop-out by the government and local authorities. Quarries need clear guidelines and regular inspection to ensure people's lives and homes are not destroyed. 100% redress and nothing less.

Emigration

I will work on ensuring Irish citizens wherever they live have the right to vote in local and national elections. This will encourage our youth to return if they have a say in the future of their country.

GAA Club News

Glenswilly

Congratulations to club player Oisín Crawford and his newly wed wife Iarla Blaney who tied the knot on Friday past.

The Senior C team are in action this Friday the 31st May against Naomh Conaill at 8pm in Glenties.

Minor Board

Commiserations to the U18 team who were defeated in the NRB Division 1 Semi Final on Monday by St Eunan's 1-10 to 0-11.

Underage Fixtures

Wednesday 29th May

U14 Div 1 St Eunans v Glenswilly v 8pm

U14 Div 4 Glenswilly v Robert Emmets 6.30pm

Friday 17th May

U12 Div 3 Glenswilly v Sean MacCumhaill 6.30pm

Ladies Board

The Senior ladies continued their fine league form with a victory at home over Buncrana, final score 7-10 to 3-2. Next up is a home game to Naomh Padraig Muff on the 16th June.

Congratulations to Cara McFadden, Ellie Bonner and Ciaran Gallagher as the U14 County team secured their place in the All Ireland Silver Final on Saturday.

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start. Congratulations to last week's winners Carmel Mulligan who won €425!

Big Bingo Night

There will be a Big Bingo Night on Wednesday the 5th of June at 8.30pm in the hall. There will be 3 chances of winning €500 with Game 9, Game 10 and the Jackpot Sheet All lines €40 and all other houses €100.

St. Michael's

All County League

The Seniors and Reserves return to All County League action on Sunday when they entertain Glenfin at The Bridge at 1.30pm and 3pm.

Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 3,4,8,11,13,16. The Match 5 winner was Emma Corcoran Dunfanaghy who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €6700.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Paddy and Mary Coll, Massinass on the death of Paddy's sister, Sheila Mc Grath, Glencar Road, Letterkenny recently.

Well Done

Well done to our Michael Langan and the rest of the St. Michael's Donegal Team on their victory over Tyrone in Ballybofey on Saturday and best wishes in Cork this weekend.

An Tearmainn

Ladies Board

A big week ahead for the ladies as they prepare and travel to Cork next Sunday for the All Ireland Gael-tacht final against Claregalway. In preparation, the ladies had a win over St Eunan's on Sunday. Get well soon to Maria Carr who was carried off injured during the game.

The U14 girls were unlucky in the Letterkenny Gaels organised Fiona Doherty Memorial Tournament at the weekend. They reached the final, only to be pipped

at the post by the competition hosts.

Best of luck to the U16 girls who will compete in the semi finals of the shield this week.

Men

It was a mixed afternoon for the men's teams in their respective Div Two encounters. The day started brightly, with the reserves taking a convincing 3-18 to 1-7 victory. There were twelve different scorers on the day, with the goals coming from Paul Mallon, Oran Gallagher and Ciaran Cassidy. Mark Gallagher, Gary McGettigan, Oisín Harkin, Patrick McDaid, Caolan Curran, Kevin McGettigan, Stephen Black, Owen Brown and Eoghan Quinn also scored.

The senior's suffered a second defeat of the campaign losing to Milford 2-15 to 1-16. Termon's goal in the second half came from Cian McMenamin and Enda McCormick chipped in with 0-6. Termon team: Emmett Maguire, Cian McMenamin (1-0), Cormac Gallagher, Conor Cassidy; Conor Black, Cormac Brady, Ricky Gallagher (0-1); Ryan McFadden, Bobby McGettigan (0-1), Patrick Fegan (0-2), Jack Alcorn (0-1), John James Sweeney (0-1); Daire McDaid (0-3), Enda McCormick (0-6), Steve McDaid (0-1). Subs: Kevin McGettigan, Stephen Black, James McSharry.

Minor board

Congratulations to our U12 boys who completed a very exciting fundraiser last Saturday. They have been invited to take part in an activity day in Croke Park on Bank Holiday Monday and completed a Spinathon of virtual miles with the team, coaches and parents all taking to the saddle. Thanks to all who supported this event. Thanks to Kellys Centra Mountain Top for the use of the premises and to Rush Fitness for the use of their two bikes. Kellys Centra also sponsored new jerseys and tops for the boys. Thanks also to associate sponsor Adam Bradley of Pats Pizza for sponsorship of new kit bags.

Congratulations and well done to Caelan McTaggart who lined out for Donegal U15's.

Lotto

Lotto Results 26/5/2024 - No's drawn 5, 7, 16 20. There was no winner of the €1950 Jackpot. There were four winners of Match 3 receiving €20 each - Paul Doherty, Maeve Sweeney, Catherine Crawford and Grace Boyle. €10 Quick Pick winners were Christopher Wilson and Sarah O'Connor. Next week's Jackpot €2000, draw this Sunday.

Naomh Adhamhnáin

County Senior Hurling

Best wishes to our Senior County Hurlers who will play Mayo in the Nicky Rackard final this Sunday in Croke Park at 4.15pm.

County Senior Football

Best wishes to Jim and all the players who take on Cork this Saturday at 2.30pm.

All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin were at home to Realt Ma Mara last Sunday afternoon and had a comprehensive win over the visitors.

Senior men

The excellent Eoin McGeehin top scored again for the home team ending the day with 2-6. While Bundoran's

Timmy Govorov who scored 1-1 of Bundoran's tally, got his team's first score a goal after 14 minutes. St Eunans took control of the game after that and led by 10 points at the half time break. St Eunans 0-14 : 1-1 Bundoran. In the second half St Eunans kept the scoreboard ticking over and in all had 11 different scorers on the day. When Eoin McGeehin score his second goal of the game the clock was almost in the red. Final Score St Eunans 2-23 : 1-2 Bundoran. Naomh Adhamhnáin scorers: Eoin McGeehin 2-6, 2f; David Boyle 0-4, 1f; Kevin Kealy 0-3; Conor O'Donnell Jnr and Peter Devine 0-2; Oran Winston; Anthony Gallagher, Caolan Ward, Conor O'Donnell Snr, Conor Parke, Pauric Boyle 0-1. Team: Chris O'Donnell; Conor Parke, Eamon Doherty, Anthony Gallagher; Peter Devine, Caolan Ward, Dylan Doogan; Conor O'Donnell Snr, Jordan O'Dowd; Oran Winston. Kevin Kealy, James Kelly; Conor O'Donnell Jnr; Eoin McGeehin, Pdraig Boyle. Subs; David Boyle, Jake Whelan and John Ryan for Kelly, Winston and Doogan; Bryan Drumm for O'Donnell Jnr.

Upcoming Fixtures:

This upcoming Friday May 31st St Eunans welcome Gaoth Dobhair to O'Donnell Park with throw in at 8pm. Please note that there will be no reserve game.

Minor Board

Under 18 (Boys)

Monday May 27th NRB Division 1 Semi Final Gleann tSuili 0-11 : 1-10 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies played Termon last Sunday at the Burn Road. Final score Termon 5-9 : 4-5 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Senior Hurling (Men)

Our Senior hurlers played Setanta on Friday May 24th with the home team winning. Final Score Setanta 0-16 : 1-12 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 21/5/24

Numbers : 4-14-16-18 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Fiona Shiels, Main St, Milford.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 1st June Whoriskey's, U8 Girls

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

Our Seniors had a good win over Termon on Sunday 2-15 to 1-16. The Reserves lost. They now travel away to Buncrana next Friday at 7 and 8.30pm.

U12 Boys

The U12 blue team lost out to Glenfin on Friday. There was a great 2nd half performance from the boys but they came up just short. This week, our navy team are away to St Eunans on Monday evening and home to Cloughaneely on Friday at 6.30pm.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Tony McNamee and Sarah Long on their recent marriage.

Gaël Fhánada

Lotto Results 26/05/2024

Numbers: 3, 6, 14, 18, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: James McAteer. This week's Jackpot: €1,250

Healthy Clubs - Smoke & Vape Free Grounds

We are delighted to inform you all that Gaël Fhánada will be introducing their new Smoke & Vape free

grounds at Páirc Uí Shíadhail on World No-Tobacco Day on 31st of May at 19:30.

Ladies defeat Glenfin on Sunday

Gaël Fhánada 2:17 Gleann Fhinne 4:10

Well done to our senior ladies side who defeated Glenfin in Portsalon on Sunday. Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Méabh Duffy, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons, Niamh McDevitt, Eimear Sweeney, Eiméar Gibbons, Rachel Sweeney (0:06), Lauren Carr (2:02), Siobhan Sweeney (0:02), Caoimhe Barrett (0:01), Hannah Shiels (0:01), Mairead Coll (0:04). Iseult Ní Mhathúna for Eiméar Gibbons, Jessica Coll for Hannah Shiels, Michelle Doherty for Méabh Duffy. Rachael Friel, Méabh Mc Ateer, Eibhlin Shiels, Erin Carlin, Méabh Sweeney, Grace Begley.

Senior Men

Gaël Fhánada 1:13 Red Hughs 1:08

A grandstand Gaël Fhánada finish at Monellan was just the tonic required, as the lads picked up their second victory of the league campaign with a five point win over Red Hughs. With a little under ten minutes remaining, what transpired didn't look likely as Red Hughs led by 1:08 to 0:09, but four points on the bounce and a late Mark McAteer goal ensured the Gaels left Páirc Aodh Rua with two vital league points. Mark McConigley, Oisín McFadden, Jimmy Coyle, Calum McAteer, Brandon Mc Clafferty (0:01), James Gallagher, Shaun Kerr, Paddy Carr (0:01), Odhrán Shiels, Mark McAteer (1:03), Liam McGrenaghan (0:05), Darren Mc Elwaine, James Kerr, Michael Sweeney (0:02), Alan Mc Ateer (0:01). Eoghan Carr for James Kerr, Conor Heraghty for Alan McAteer, Seán Carr for Brandon Mc Clafferty, Paul Coyle for Michael Sweeney.

Reserves draw with Red Hughs

Gaël Fhánada 3:08 Red Hughs 2:11

Brian Gallagher, Aaron McConigley, Seamus Coyle, Emmet Kelly, Jamie McAteer, Ronan McAteer, Michael McDevitt (0:02), Christy Sweeney, Eoin McGonigle (0:04), Charlie Crerand, Bernard McGettigan (1:02), Seán Friel, Dan Kerr, Paul Friel (1:00), Fergal Friel. Patsy Friel (1:00) for Sean Friel, Eoghan Logue for Paul Friel, Joshua McAteer for Dan Kerr.

Minors defeated in Northern Final

Hard luck to our minor side who lost out Letterkenny Gaels in the Northern Regional Board league final on Monday. Gaël Leitir Ceanainn 3:11 Gaël Fhánada 0:06. Killian Friel; Darragh McElwaine, Caolan McElwaine, Harry Blaney; Evan McDaid, Jamie McAteer, Cormac Sweeney; Shane Carr, Cormac Dunleavy; Niall Toland, Darragh O'Doherty, Christian Gibbons; Declan Brougham, Daibhid Lynch, Ronan McVeigh.

U16 Girls qualify for the county final

Gaël Fhánada 4:07 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 3:08

The Gaels travelled to Páirc Naomh Fionán in Falcarragh on Tuesday for a semi-final against Cloich Cheann Fhaola.

All Ireland Final beckons for Donegal U14 Girls

Congratulations to the Donegal U14 Girls side who defeated Clare after extra time 2:14 to 2:09.

James Hagan wins Leinster Minor Champ

Congratulations to James Hagan and the Longford minor side who defeated Dublin to win the Leinster Minor Final last week.

A large group of Donegal dogs and their handlers travelled to Co. Meath at the weekend to take part in Ireland's only festival devoted to our canine friends.

Dogitude Festival takes place on Causey Farm near Kells and it saw a large crowd of dog lovers and their pets enjoy two days of entertaining events.

Among the participants demonstrating their skills was a large contingent from across north west Donegal who took part in both the flyball demonstration and agility events. The team all train out of Academy Dog Training in Rathmullan headed by trainer Tania Carron.

The group took part in the high octane sport of flyball where two teams of dogs compete over a short hurdle course. This emerging canine sport is growing in popularity across the world and many in attendance in Co. Meath watched on as the Republic of Ireland's only dedicated team put on a lively demonstration.

A number of the team also took part in agil-

Donegal team takes part in Dogitude Festival



ity events and competition over the two days and secured an impressive haul of medals.

This was the third year of Dogitude at the scenic Causey Farm in the heart of the Boyne Valley. This

vibrant festival offers thrilling displays by top canine athletes, expert advice, engaging workshops, and plenty of have-a-go activities to try with your dog.

With the weather cooperating up until Sunday afternoon, several thousands dog lovers from across the island of Ireland enjoyed a host of events for all ages.

Rathmullan parochial house burgled

Gardaí are appealing for information in relation to a recent burglary that occurred at the Parochial House at St. Joseph's Church in Rathmullan. The burglary occurred on Wednesday, May 22nd, sometime between 8am and 3pm.

They stated that the rear door of the house was damaged and entry was gained to the building. Gardaí stated: "Some paperwork was stolen from

the house but nothing of monetary value was taken. We appeal to anybody who may have observed suspicious activity in or around the Parochial House on that date to make contact with Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060. If anybody can assist with any information, we urge them to make contact with us. The Garda Confidential line may be reached on 1800 666 111."

Gardaí say they have observed a spate of similar incidents in recent weeks including theft at a church in Killea in a separate incident earlier last week.

They stated: "We have noticed a rise in recent weeks in reports of crimes being committed on Church grounds. There has been an increase in the occurrences of thefts and burglaries at places

of worship across the county. Should any members of the Clergy or parish committees wish to update the security measures at their Church or seek advice in relation to security measures, they may contact Sgt Fergus McGroary, Divisional Crime Prevention Officer, at Letterkenny Garda Station on 074-9167100 and he will be happy to assist."

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It's time for common sense

All-Ireland SFC Group Three

Donegal blow Tyrone away

Donegal 0-21 Tyrone 0-14
 After a fantastic display of football, Donegal overcame Tyrone for the second time this year and got their Group 3 campaign in the All-Ireland series up and running in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey in front of a crowd of 16,607. They needed extra-time to overcome Tyrone in the Ulster championship semi-final but this time they were comfortable 0-21 to 0-14 winners, pushing for home in the second half outscoring Tyrone 0-11 to 0-5 in the second half. There was little between the sides in the opening half but the Donegal running game cut holes in the Tyrone rearguard in the second period. In a classic first half of football just a point separated the sides at the break with Tyrone responding every time Donegal pulled ahead. Tyrone had the better opening with points from Darragh Canavan (free) and Darren McCurry inside four minutes. Donegal's running game then kicked into life and they hit the next four points through Jason McGee, Ciaran Thompson, Oisín Gallen and Peadar Mogan.

McCurry and Eoghan Ban Gallagher traded scores as did Patrick McBrearty and Mattie Donnelly before a McBrearty free left Donegal ahead by 0-07 to 0-04 on 24 minutes. Two quick Kieran McGeary points cut the deficit and even though Osín Gallen pointed a free, two more from McCurry had the sides level as the game entered added time. Donegal did create the one big goal chance of the half on 30 minutes, cutting through the Tyrone defence but Thompson's effort went just inches past the post. The final point of the half came just on the whistle with Gallen firing over with his left to leave it 0-10 to 0-09 in favour of Donegal at the break.

Ryan McHugh squeezed over the first point of the second half and Gallen put three between the sides from a free. Niall Morgan pointed from a 45m free after great work by Darragh Canavan but the margin was out to four for the first time in the game when Gallen (free) and McGee found the range. Niall Devlin pulled a point back but Mogan cut through to point for Donegal and Thompson from a mark left it 0-16 to 0-11 on the 53rd minute.



Oisín Gallen on the attack for Donegal on Saturday.

Darragh Canavan (free) and McGeary cut the lead but Gallen replied for Donegal. From there to the finish it was all Donegal with Mogan adding his third point and Odhran Doherty hitting another special with the outside of his right. Darragh Canavan had a lone free while Shane O'Donnell



Michael Langan and Odhran Doherty making sure that Tyrone's Joe Oguz has difficulty going forward on Saturday evening.

and Michael Langan completed the Donegal win. Donegal: Shaun Patton; Eoghan Ban Gallagher (0-01), Brendan McCole, Ciaran Moore; Ryan McHugh (0-01), Caolan McGonagle, Peadar Mogan (0-03); Jason McGee (0-02), Michael Langan (0-01); Shane O'Donnell (0-01), Ciaran Thompson (0-02, 1 mark), Dáire Ó Baoill; Patrick McBrearty (0-02, 1f), Osín Gallen (0-07, 0-05f), Niall O'Donnell. Subs: Odhran Doherty (0-01) for O Baoill (45); Jamie Brennan for P McBrearty (54); Aaron Doherty for N O'Donnell (61); Jeaic Mac Ceallabhuí for E Ban Gallagher (66); Domhnaill Mac Giolla Bhríde for Gallen (68) Tyrone: Niall Morgan (0-1,f); Niall Devlin (0-01), Padraig Hampsey, Michael McKernan; Ben Cullen, Matthew Donnelly (0-01), Kieran McGeary (0-03); Brian Kennedy, Conn Kilpatrick; Ciaran Daly, Michael O'Neill, Sean O'Donnell (0-01); Darren McCurry (0-04, 1f, 1m), Darragh Canavan (0-03, 0-03f), Ruairi Canavan. Subs: Joe Oguz and Cormac Quinn for R Canavan and B Cullen (both ht); Cathal McShane for McCurry (50); Peter Harte for Kilpatrick (58) Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

Donegal recover in Convo

Jim McGuinness has admitted it would be have been an anti-climax had the newly crowned Ulster champions not beaten Tyrone in the first round Sam Maguire qualifier in Ballybofey on Saturday night.

“Coming in as Ulster champions having played Derry and Tyrone and then Armagh in a final and then you are back playing an Ulster team I suppose if we had lost the game it would have been a wee bit of an anti-climax after winning the provincial championship. “Obviously the added pressure of your own home fans in your own home stadium. We are just delighted to get over the line, two points on the board, happy with the performance and getting ready as quickly as we can for Cork next weekend,” said McGuinness who conducted the post-match press conference in the Donegal's GAA training centre in Convo. The squad were whisked there by coach from Ballybofey in order to begin their post-match recovery which consisted of ice baths and ice cream. Tyrone matched the home side almost score for score in the first half but with a stiff breeze on their backs in the second period Donegal hit 11 points with Tyrone only managing five to run out very convincing winners “We probably scored equally in both halves, the test was tougher in the first half definitely. We knew Tyrone would come very hard at us and that was the case. I thought they played exceptionally well in the first half and asked a lot of questions of us. I thought the game was fairly relentless, there was a real good energy and intensity to it and it was like of boxing match or a game of basketball whatever way you want to phrase it,” explained the Donegal boss.

Donegal Half Marathon in August

The organisers of the 2024 Donegal Half Marathon are expecting a large entry for this year's event that takes place on Sunday, August 25th.

Looking ahead to the Letterkenny-based race, which is being held in association with the Kernan Retail Group, Donegal Half Marathon race director, Brendan McDaid (pictured below), said: "We are just over 12 weeks out from the 2024 event, and we are gearing up for another big crowd. This race was first held in 2014 and is now well established on the racing calendar. It's great to be celebrating ten years of the Donegal Half Marathon. Even during Covid, we managed to keep the race going - we had 220 who did it virtually in 2020."

"Last year, the Donegal Half Marathon was established as a Donegal Athletics Board County championship race, and this is generating a big interest among clubs. The organising committee is always looking at ways to improve the race. In 2022 we made a few changes to the route which resulted in a flatter and faster course and that was well received by the runners and walkers. Our aim is to

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Vigils for Gaza Across Donegal

There will be "Bridgils" - Bridge Vigils - in five locations across the county on this Friday as part of a nationwide protest that is calling on Ireland to impose sanctions on Israel to end its war on Gaza that has resulted in over 36,000 deaths. The "Bridgils" will be held at Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Falcarragh, Crolly and Buncrana.



pull together an event that will give the participants a good experience. We've had people travel from all over and we are looking forward to welcoming runner from near and far to Letterkenny on the last Sunday in August," he added.

Pointing out that it's a busy time on the local road racing circuit, Brendan continued: "There are plenty of races taking place around the region. For those planning to take on the challenge of the Donegal Half Marathon in three months, now is the ideal time to start preparing. Almost 400 completed the Donegal Half Marathon in 2023 and we are planning for a similar field this year. We have the signs up around Letterkenny and the entries are coming in at steady rate." The Donegal Half Marathon is headquartered at the Aura Leisure Centre in Letterkenny and has a 9.20 am start.

To enter go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/9qPqH-w5HWJ>

ICSA hosts EU forum in Letterkenny



At the meeting with Midlands-North West EU candidates in the Clanree Hotel on Monday night were ICSA members including Malcolm Thompson (County Chairperson) and Jessica Duncan. Back from left - John Barron, Hugh Farrell (General Secretary), Sean McNamara (National President) and Edward Brown

From Page One around. There are bureaucrats in Brussels telling farmers the dates on when they can spread slurry. We need sensible people representing us in Europe," Mr Thompson said.

James Reynolds who is a National Party candidate in the EU elections said if he takes a seat in Brussels he will join a right wing surge to push back on what he called an insane green agenda. He claimed there was big business interest in making money from carbon trading. Independent candidate Peter Casey said the introduction of the carbon tax was the wrong way to go. Sitting Sinn Fein MEP Chris McManus said as custodians of the land farmers should have the right to fair engagement before decisions are made that impact on them.

Another independent candidate Daniel Pocock sounded a note of caution when it came to campaigning for change in Brussels. "You can't just go in and say we are a small country therefore we are entitled to special treatment. You have to make a technical argument to broaden the rules" Mr Pocock said.

On the question of the slow pace of succession rates on farms, Peter Casey said the statistics show that 50% don't have a plan. "Young farmers are deciding to leave. They don't see a future. The bigger picture is that a lot of young people are leaving Ireland. Farming is a subsection of a much bigger problem. James Reynolds said that the CAP budget had to be increased for the agriculture sector otherwise it would destroy farming. "The agriculture budget has to be increased if Ukraine comes in but it has been frozen for the past 20 years. It will wreck farming if that doesn't change," Mr Reynolds said.

Again the issue of bureaucracy was raised this time by Peter Casey who expressed concern about the amount of time being devoted by of-

ficials to working out the percentages of what is being spent in CAP.

"25% of CAP is being allocated to Climate Change and 35% to Biodiversity. The amount of bureaucracy involved and being spent working out all that is costly. We need more of a say in all that," Mr Casey said.

Chris McManus said CAP was clearly going to be negatively impacted by the EU's direction of spending more on defence and militarisation. He added that the policy would also not be good for regional development.

Daniel Pocock shared the view that the CAP budget was not going to be increased. "The bureaucrats are not going to increase the CAP payments. As long as some of the farmers are happy there will be no change. Ireland only has 14 seats out of 700 in the EU parliament so that is a very small number in order to try to make changes" Mr Pocock said.

On the topic of live exports James Reynolds said that any policy to reduce the volume would only benefit the Irish beef barons. Niall Blaney said live exports were a huge part of the farming sector and that good animal welfare was important in keeping that trade strong.

The ICSA meeting also asked the candidates for their position on linking payments to production rather than the current Single Farm Payment. Peter Casey said production should be linked to payments. But James Reynolds countered that with the fear of over production that would play into the hands of the meat factories who would drop the prices paid to the farmers.

Niall Blaney pointed to the fact that 10% of farmers were receiving 70% of the Single Farm Payments. Any change he said would have to protect the small farmer. In 2003, the "Fischler Reform" decoupled a large share of the CAP from production into a 'single farm payment' and also brought in modulation where funds were shifted towards rural development and cross compliance.

The final question for the five candidates in attendance was whether they would be in favour of reform of the EU Commission and shift more power to the Parliament. Chris McManus said the purist would agree with that but the reality was that in the Parliament, the Irish MEPs are a very small group and up against Germany with around 90 and France and Italy with approximately 70 members each. Peter Casey and James Reynolds shared the view that decision making should be much closer to home.



Daniel O'Donnell (centre) at the forum.

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